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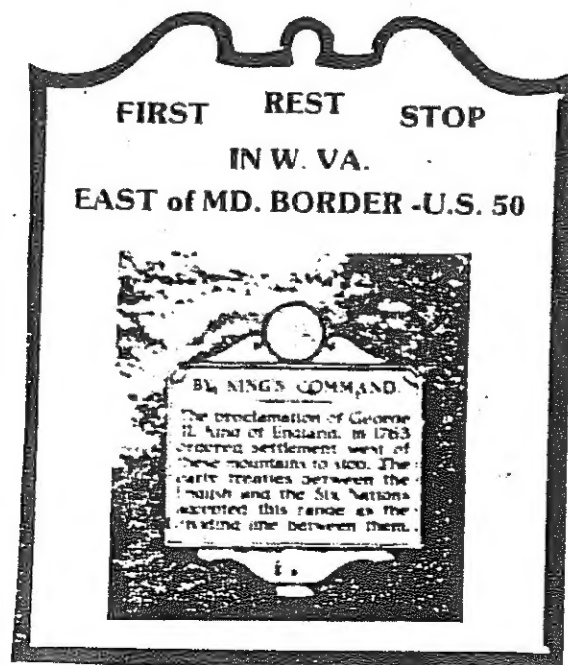


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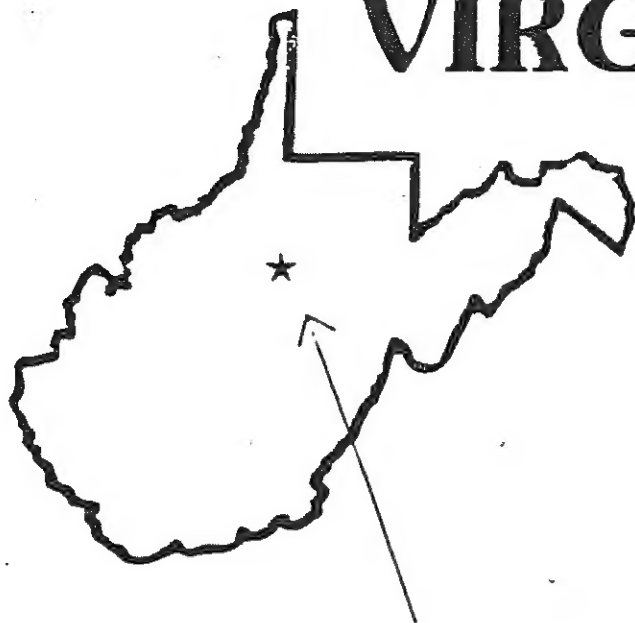
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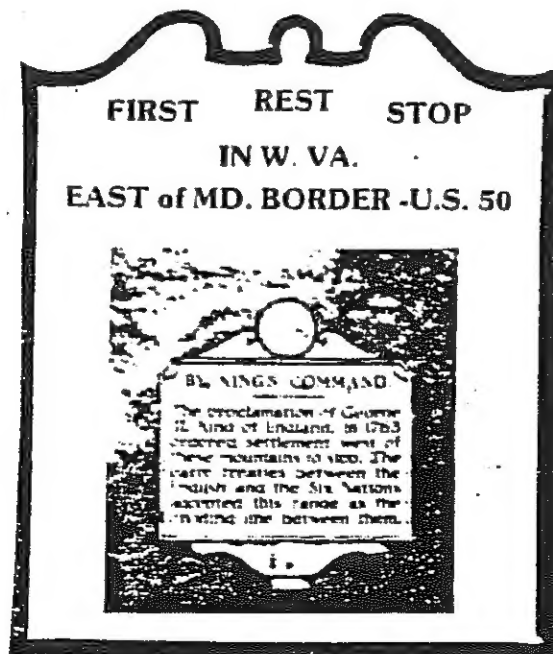


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"To be a genealogist takes patience and a
willingness to help others. Those not born with
these characteristics soon incorporate them into
their personalities when the ancestral chase commences."

--by Vicktoria Hizer, Indianapolis Star

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P. O. Box 37

Jane Lew, West Virginia 26378

Dear Members:

It looks to be an exciting year for HCPD. Your executive board has lots of new projects in the works - a seminar in May, another five-generation chart book, a cross index of members and families being researched, and much much more. Watch each issue of the Journal for news of these.

Plans are underway for our Sixth Annual Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants Gathering. I'm already hearing from folks all over the country who plan to attend. If you haven't marked September 11-13, 1987, on your calendar to attend, do so now. It's a time for exchanging and getting to know cousins from far and near. We'll be looking forward to seeing each of you there.

Joyce Chambers and I spent a recent weekend researching at the Allen County Library, Ft. Wayne, IN. It's a nice place to research for those of you who live within a few hours of Ft. Wayne. It was a pleasure to see three volumes of our Journal hardbound and in their periodicals section.

New "classy" brochures telling about HCPD have been printed through the auspices of one of our generous members who wishes to remain anonymous. The brochures are being distributed to libraries and courthouses throughout W. Va. and should help increase our membership.

Many of the tombstone pictures mentioned in the last Journal are still available. If you have one you need, please let me know.

We received lots of nice queries for this issue. Queries for the next issue should be sent to me no later than 1 Apr 1987. Please mark them "Query".

That's it for this time. See ya' in May at Jackson's Mill.

Happy researching,


Joy L. Gilchrist
Editor

SEMINAR SLATED

HCPD will host a seminar for the new and not-so-new genealogist on Saturday, May 17, 1987, 9:00 am - 5 pm, at Jackson's Mill State 4-H Camp, near Jane Lew. Registration fee of \$15.00 includes buffet luncheon in the Mt. Vernon style dining hall.

The seminar will cover many facets of genealogical research and will include many handouts.

The HCPD library will be available to "HCPD members only" for genealogical research. The library room will be locked during the noon lunch break. Members who wish to use the library and not attend the seminar may purchase a "meal only" ticket for \$5.75.

Reservations, accompanied by your check or money order, should be sent to Raydine Teichiera, PO Box 37, Jane Lew, WV, by May 5.

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Secretary-Treasurer, Raydine Teicheira. |

We welcome all of you to our organization and look forward to exchange of family- and local-history relating to the Hacker's Creek area of West Virginia. It is gratifying to read your names and realize many of you learned of our young organization through purchasing our first EARLY LEWIS & HARRISON CO. W.VA. FAMILIES, THEIR DESCENDANTS & ALLIED FAMILIES.

--"betwixt" (Lolita Guthrie)

SURNAMES WANTED

HCPD is growing and growing and growing! and one of our purposes is to assist others with their research. All members are asked to submit 3x5 cards - one for each surname being researched - to Raydine Teichaira, c/o Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants, PO Box 37, Jane Lew, WV 26378.

These will be marked by date received. They will be filed in alphabetical order, so that any of us can request the names of those researching the same SURNAMES we are.

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Joy L. Lulchist
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43845

A SECOND CHANCE - FAMILY GROUP SHEETS

Our EARLY LEWIS & HARRISON CO. W.VA. FAMILIES, THEIR DESCENDANTS & ALLIED FAMILIES, a compilation of 290 five-generation charts of HCPD members has been a huge success. We sold out of the first printing and have had one reprint to date. Through a review of the books in "The Genealogical Helper", many new members have joined HCPD.

The comment most frequently heard from members is "I wish I had submitted mine." Now's your chance!

When we receive another 200 five-generation charts, we will publish Volume II. Here are the rules:

All charts must be submitted with a permission to publish. Type the following on the bottom of each chart: "I hereby give Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants permission for this chart to be published by same." Sign and date the statement. Charts which have already been submitted, but which do not have permission to publish, cannot and will not be published.

*Each chart must be accompanied by a 3 x 5 card with each name on the chart listed on it. In other words, a fully completed five-generation chart would contain 33 names - one name in each of the 31 blanks, plus the spouse of the first name, and the name of the submitter. Therefore, each five generation chart must have 33 of the 3 x 5 cards with it, each containing one of the 33 names on the chart. These cards will be used to index the book. (See sample below.)

Each chart must be camera ready. TYPED with carbon ribbon (if possible) or handprinted in BLACK ink. Any printed charts must be printed legibly. Five generation charts from computer programs may be submitted.

Send five generation charts to Joy Gilchrist, 22406 SR 751, West Lafayette, OH 43845, with a note attached that they are for Volume II.

*sample indexing card:

(Leave top-right corner free to permit Indexer to show page number on which your chart will appear.)

Please! Pretty please!!
And with sugar on it!!!!

Make your charts CAMERA-
READY by using black ink
and removing all photo-
copy smudges.

YOUNG, Jane

Lolita Guthrie

Barbour Democrat
12-17-86



Philippi Residents Among Descendants Of Pioneers Settlers Of Hacker Area

Four generations of descendants of John Hacker, the first white settler in Lewis County, pose with a freshly painted sign designed and prepared by members of the executive committee of the organization known as Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants. Left to right, are, Larry H. Smith and his son, Grayson H. Smith, Dr. Howard Smith and his son, Ned P. Smith, father of Larry H. Smith. Similar signs are planned and will be erected on roads in this historic valley area.

Descendants of John Hacker, the first white settler in Lewis County meet every year for an annual session, each September at Jackson's Mill. At this yearly event, genealogical material, pictures and mementos of members and families are shared. Over 250 members are located in 31 states and a journal is published. *monthly quarterly*

Dr. Howard Smith, 92, a resident of Philippi, is a great-great-grandson of John Hacker and is a member of the group which is known as Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants.

Officers of the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants are Barbara McCarty of Jane Lew, president; Edward Allman, Clarksburg, vice-president; Raydine Teicheira, Jane Lew, is a secretary-treasurer; Joy Gilchrist, West Lafayette, Ohio, is editor of the journal; Robert B. Smith,

Lost Creek, and Maurice Allman, Philippi, serve as representatives of the executive committee. Members of the executive committee and officers of the HCPD have designed and painted a sign which ~~has now been placed in the~~ *will be* Hacker's Creek Area, and other similar signs are planned.

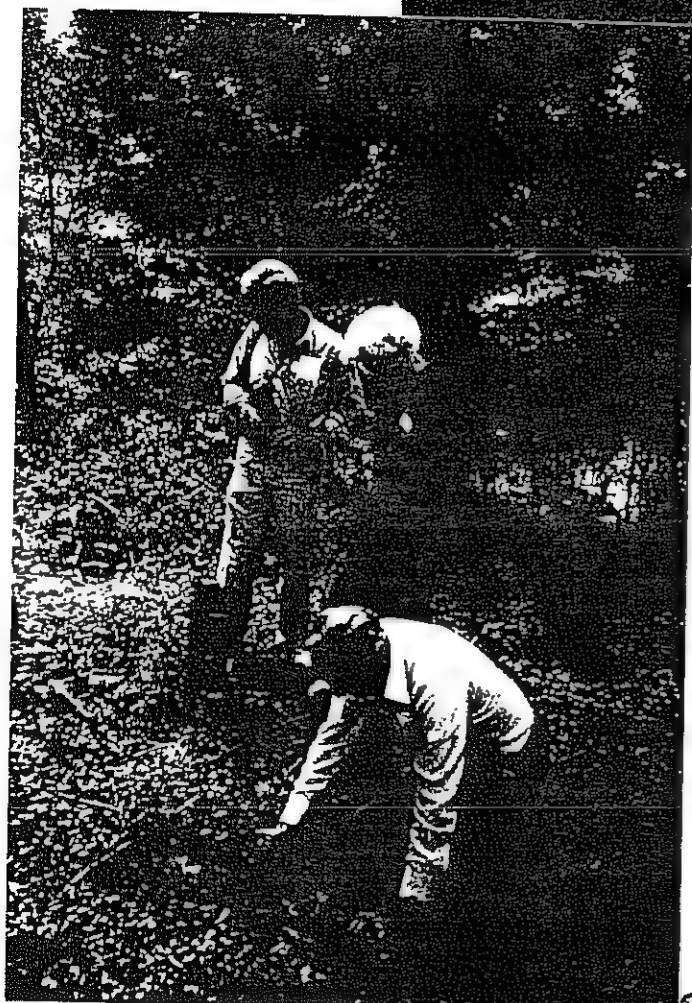
Hacker's Creek forms in Upshur County and flows through Berlin and Jane Lew in Lewis County and into the West Fork River in Harrison County. The Hacker's Creek area is rich in history dating back to the 1700's when the white man was invading the territory then inhabited by Indians.

SOME SCENES FROM 1986 ANNUAL GATHERING



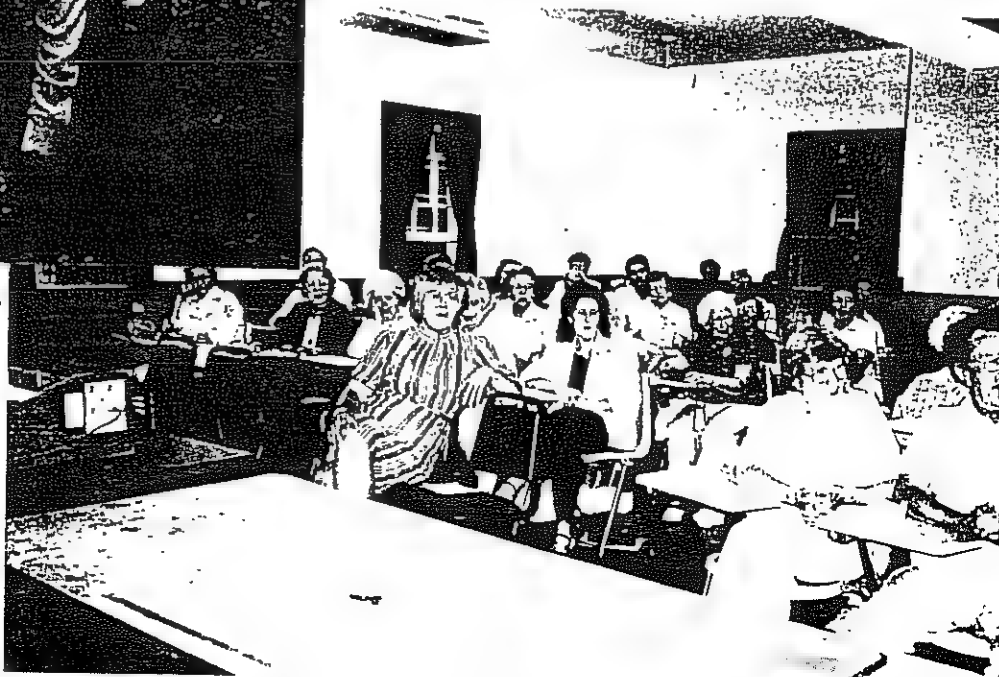
Above: Sunday worship at Berlin United Methodist Church.

Left: William F. Hayes, Betty (Mitchell) Hayes and Bob Smith find another tombstone in the Mitchell Cemetery during Friday afternoon tour.



Below: The Saturday night Sing-Along

Photos by:
Joyce Chambers



LIFE-MITCHELL-HACKER-SLEETH-BARNETT DESCENDANT

ORVIL T. BARNETT SR.
JANE LEW - Orvil T. Barnett Sr., 74, of Jane Lew, Route 1, died Monday, Aug. 25, in United Hospital Center, Clarksburg. He was born July 15, 1908, in Jesse Run, Lewis County, a son of the late Goodloe R. and Annie Lou Harris Barnett. On Dec. 22, 1933, he married Magdalene T. Eisenman, who survives. Also surviving are two sons, Orvil Junior Barnett and John C. "Chuck" Barnett, both of Weston; one daughter, Mrs. George (Mary) Myrick, Jett, Okla.; nine grandchildren, including Mark W. Barnett, whom the Barnetts reared; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sons and three sisters, Mrs. Juanita Linger, Eleanor Pearl Barnett and Virginia Barnett. He was the last surviving member of his immediate family.

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Orvil T. Barnett Sr. was the grandson Elias T. and Cassandra V. (Mitchell) Barnett, g. grandson of Daniel and Sarah Starnes (Hacker) Barnett and Benoni and Susan (Life) Mitchell, g.g. grandson of Jonathan and Hannah (Bennett) Hacker, John and Susanna (Washburn) Mitchell, Martin and Elizabeth (Flesher) Life, and g.g.g. grandson of John and Margaret (Sleeth) Hacker and Adam Flesher.

Submitted by Sarah Trecost
 with additions by Joy

Mr. Barnett was a former coal miner and farmer and a retired employee of the Morris Funeral Home. He had served as scoutmaster for Pack 74, BSA, Jane Lew, and was a member of the Jane Lew Senior Citizens and St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Weston.

SQUIRES FAMILY OF WEST(ERN) VIRGINIA

Orders are being accepted for THE SQUIRES FAMILY OF WEST(ERN) VIRGINIA, a genealogy and history about the ancestors and descendants of Nehemiah and Sarah (Polen/Poland/Poling) Squires who settled near Reedsville, Preston Co, WV, circa 1800.

Members of the family later migrated to Upshur, Barbour, Marion, Harrison, Monongalia, Doddridge, Ritchie, Taylor and Lewis counties in West Virginia, Johnson and Brown counties, Indiana, as well as several other states. Allied families include, but are not limited to: Fortney, Britton, Piles/Pyles, Fawcett, Tolle, Polen/Poland/Poling, Dudley, Hawley, Gull, Smell, Martin, Hornbeck, Pitzer, Matthew(s), Moats, Shafter, Watson, Combs, Stinespring, Miller, Pickenpaugh, Freeland, Conley, Wilkens, McGee, Mitchell, Pell, Orr, Stafford, Shay, Field, Rollins, Hacker, Bennett, Sleeth, Ervin, Gross, Winemiller, Horchler, Brain, Johnson, McGinnis, Fairfax, Dawson, Youst/Yost, Gregg, Potter, Morris, Gregoire, and Brown.

In addition to family history, the book contains historical facts on locations in Preston County and much Civil War data re the 3rd Virginia Infantry/Sixth W. Va. Cavalry which became a mounted unit in Jane Lew. The book is 8 1/2 by 11, hardbound, every name index of 20,000 entries, 125 photos, ca 800 pages.

All orders must be prepaid and will be shipped during the first week of July 1987. \$40.00, plus 6% sales tax for Ohio residents only, plus \$3.75 postage and handling. Order from: Joy Gilchrist, 22406 SR 751, West Lafayette, OH 43845.

FRONTIER CULTURE MUSEUM OF VIRGINIA

Authentic old buildings from Germany, northern Ireland, England, and southern Appalachia are being re-assembled on a 78-acre site in the Valley of Virginia for a new museum devoted to interpreting the frontier culture of Virginia and West Virginia.

The museum, to be called the Frontier Culture Museum of Virginia, promises to be a first-rate operation and of great interest to members of the HCPD. The museum, located near the junction of I-64 and I-81 near Staunton, Virginia, is tentatively scheduled to open to the public in Spring 1988.

Four living-history farms -- one German, one Scotch-Irish, one English, and one American -- will be the main focus. Plans are for the museum to also serve as a major international center for scholarly research related to immigration and the settling of the American frontier. We expect that as a result, in the future, we will be seeing a crop of good new books and articles on subject near and dear to us -- the Germans and the Scotch-Irish of Virginia and West Virginia.

-- from Robert E. Swisher
Box 298 - Capitol Station
Richmond, VA 23202

1905 A.B. BROOKS MAP OF UPSHUR COUNTY

30" x 40" black on white, copies of the 1905 A.B. Brooks Map of Upshur County are available. Except for those living in the city of Buckhannon, this map has the name of each owner or head of household of all dwellings in Upshur County in 1905. It also has the names of all post offices, churches, schools, and roads which do not exist today. The map will be of interest to anyone who had ancestors living in Upshur County at that time.

They will be packaged in a mailing tube and should arrive suitable for framing or folding for storage. They will be shipped third class, postpaid, and are \$12 each. Please allow 3-4 weeks for delivery.

Order from: Mrs. Doris P. Poinsett, 5920 31st Place, NW,
Washington, D.C. 20015.

INDEX - THE BORDER SETTLERS OF NORTHWESTERN VIRGINIA

The index was compiled by Helen A. Bumgardner in 1961. In 1985 it was edited and rearranged by Doris P. Poinsett. Copies are available postpaid at \$4 each.

Order from: Mrs. Doris P. Poinsett, 5920 31st Place, NW,
Washington, D.C. 20015.

(This book is basic to our research in Hacker's Creek.)

oooooPS!!!!

1860 Census of Barbour County as advertised in last Journal should have read 1870. Sorry for the inconvenience to those of you who order it.

A BAILEY ANSWER

Volume II, Issue 2, (January 1985) Hacker's Creek Journal, questioned the death date of Nancy Norris Bailey who is buried at the Bailey Cemetery on the old Minter Bailey farm now owned by James Martin. James W. Field, Rt 2, Box R-13, Santee, SC 29142 recently responded:

"There is a book titled something like "The Baileys" in the historical section of the Clarksburg, West Virginia, library. This reference gives a date of death for Ann "Nancy" Norris Bailey as 17 September 1827. Nancy is my wife's great great grandmother."

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THE MAIL BAG:

ONE PHONE CALL!

"In the spring of 1980 I went to W.Va. to try and find my paternal ancestors. I had little to go on except that the Heater family had lived in Heaters and that my grandmother's maiden name was Crislip. I had checked with telephone co. info and had located some people with those surnames. Dad's family had moved to N.C. long ago and there was not much contact with WV relatives. I had only met one great-aunt and her family in my lifetime.

"I found out that a George Heater lived in Buckhannon and phone him and asked if he could be related. By that time I had learned more of my Heater ancestry. He was a cousin and invited my husband and me to come over and see him. We enjoyed our visit with him very much and learned that he had a sister named Betty in Weston who had married a George Bland.

"We also learned that George Heater frequently went to NC on vacation and I mentioned that my sister lived on an island there and had a large place with rental efficiency apartments. George was interested in this and for about a month each year he has spent his vacation with his family at my sister's on Topsail Island. His sister and her husband and the families of both of them have also gone to my sister's as well as friends of theirs.

"When I met Betty and George Bland, George was of the opinion that my sister's husband, William A. Bland, could be related to him although my brother-in-law had been reared near Boydon, VA. and his Bland family had lived in NC. The upshot of all that was that they did determine that they were related. Now, my brother-in-law has learned much more of his ancestry, has joined Sons of American Revolution, and been to several Bland Reunions.

"I have acquired new and loved relatives in WV and my sister and brother-in-law have new friends and relatives and we are all delighted with the results of one telephone call that I made years ago."

Marjorie Heater Herring
12116 Midlake Dr.
Dallas, TX 75218

A THANK YOU!

9 October 1986

"Its been some weeks since I've written to you and now I'm settled and almost unpacked at 602 Aldersgate Ct., Katy, TX 77450.

"First my thanks to Ann Walker at Jane Lew for such a fast change
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of address. I didn't miss Vol IV, Issue 4, and I got my membership card for '87 right back.

"Have often referred to the ancestral charts while working on the 1850 census of Lewis County (Cris has a special project going on this census). I'm still embarrassed at having missed adding our charts to it.

"So glad to see the 1782 Tax list for Monongalia County submitted by D. Rodgers and Ed Schoolcraft. Thanks for sharing it. Shall be waiting for the transcription.

"Your word processor is easy to read and think the idea of four issues - fall, winter, spring, and summer - a good idea.

"I guess what all this adds up to, is I want to thank everyone who helps get out the H.C.J. and all those who make it all come together. We surely enjoy it!.

"Let me know where I can help."

Cris Wagoner,
602 Aldersgate Ct.
Katy, TX 77450

P.S. Please be sure everyone has my new address. Some of my mail seems to be missing me in the forwarding process.

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A QUERY ANSWER - THE BATTEN/ALLMAN FAMILY

Vol. IV, Issue 4, p 202, had a query from Mrs. De Vona J. Radcliff, 7829 Welker St., Waynesburg, OH 44688, requesting information on Kitturah Batten, b 19 Jul 1829, d 2 Jun 1999; m (1) Thomas Dean and (2) William Allman. Her mother may have been Talitha. Mrs. Radcliff was requesting Talitha's parents name and their marriage information. One of our anonymous members submitted the following to the editor for Mrs. Radcliff and for publication:

1850 Census of Lewis County:

1860 census

104/104	Thomas H. Batton, ae 72, b NJ, a farmer	82, NJ, farmer
	Tillitha, ae 47, b PA	
	Lanah, ae 38, b VA	48, VA, nurse
	Betsey A., ae 36, b VA	m. a Lovey
	Eleanor, ae 30, b VA	46, VA
	Abner B., ae 23, b VA, a farmer	40, VA
	Kitturah, ae 21, b VA	
	Irena, ae 18, b VA	
	William C., ae 13, b VA	22, VA, laborer
	Benjamin, ae 12, b VA	21, VA, laborer
	Mary L., ae 7, b VA	
	Gideon, ae 41, RI, a farmer	

LEWIS COUNTY MARRIAGES compiled by Wes Cochran

p. 47 1 Mar 1854 Kittarah Batten m Thomas Dean
p. 52 22 Sep 1856 William Allman m Joan Rogers
p. 58 15 Dec 1859 Kittoura Dean m William Allman

BATTEN/ALLMAN FAMILY

1860 Census of Lewis County:

1850 census

156/156	William Allman, ae 38, b VA, farmer "Pittura", ae 30, b VA John W., ae 12, b VA Albert M., ae 10, b VA Jacob L., ae 8, b VA Peter E., ae 6, b VA Elias J., ae 4, b VA George W., ae 2, b VA Alice V. Dean, ae 5, b VA Adelaide V. Dean, ae 3, b VA	29, VA, farmer
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On the 1850 census, Catherine (Sims) Allman, ae 54, b VA, was also living in William's household. She was the daughter of Wm and M Sims according to Lewis County Death Records when she died 6 Jun 1856 and the widow of Peter Allman whom she married 20 Dec 1813.

Harrison County Marriages by Earle Morris:

Thomas Batten m Hannah Jones 8 Dec 1807

UPPER MONONGAHELA VALLEY by Bernard L. Butcher, Volt. 2, p 1000

Batten - Four generations ago this family lived in New Jersey and one member of this line emigrated to Lewis Co., VA. His christian name was Thomas Batten. He had a son Richard, b 1803, Lewis Co., d 1896, ae 93 years. Richard m Nancy Smith. (This sketch continues with a history of Richard and Nancy Smith Batten.)

WEST VIRGINIA HERITAGE ENCYCLOPEDIA, edited by Jim Comstock, Vol. 2, p 318.

Thomas Batton, Monongalia Co., was a Revolutionary War non-military patriot.

HISTORY OF HARRISON COUNTY (W) VA

p. 24 Thomas Batton Jr. assignee to Thomas Batton Sr., 400 acres on a dreen of the Ohio River and about one mile from the mouth of the Little Kanawha River and about one mile from the Indian Old Field, in the right of residence, to include his improvement made ian 1772.

NEW JERSEY COLONIAL DOCUMEDNTS - 1665-1880 - Marriage Records:

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Francis Batten of Gloucester m Deborah Hofman of Salem 22 Dec 1763

John Batten of Gloucester m Ann Scott of Burlington 23 Mar 1766

Richard Batten of Gloucester m Eleanor Hoffman 15 Dec 1763

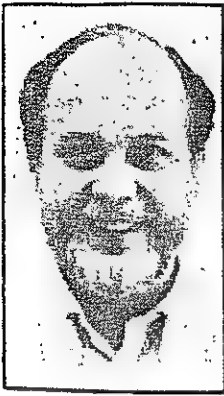
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Ann Batten of Gloucester m Nathan Harner of Gloucester 14 Dec 1762

Zellah Batten of Gloucester m John Gill of Gloucester 8 Apr 1765

Zellah Batten m Grank Fleck of Gloucester 6 Sep 1784

Deborah Batton m John Somers of Upper Penns Neck 7 Mar 1783



Musings from the hill

Cousins

By RUSSELL SMUCKER

I have three brothers and a sister, making a total of five children in my family. If my two sets of grandparents had both produced five children, and if the resulting aunts and uncles would all have had five children, that would give me 40 first cousins altogether, making a total of 45 persons in my generation who are related to me as first cousins or nearer. (In reality, there are 56).

The same rate of reproduction would give me a total of 455 persons who are related to me as second cousins or nearer. (I don't know how many second cousins I really have). The numbers for several wider circles of relatives are 4,545 for third cousins, 45,455 for fourth cousins, and more than 45 billion for 11th cousins, which is nine times the population of the Earth!

The computations for other rates of reproduction produce similar results. At a rate of eight children per family, the relatives out to ninth cousins would be more than the Earth's population; for only two children per family it takes persons out to 17th cousins.

Obviously something is wrong with the above computations. The problem is that when cousins marry each other, their descendents are related to each other in several ways, so that the numbers computed above are overestimates. Surely there is somebody, somewhere on the face of the Earth who is not my second cousin.

Actually, if you and I met in the street, we would have a hard time proving that we were not in fact 11th cousins (or nearer). We would both have to know all our ancestors back to the time of about 1700, and we would have to examine our lists of ancestors and find none in common — a formidable task since there would be over 4,000 names involved. Very few of us would be able to prove that we were not related to each other at that level.

As a personal example, I made an acquaintance recently at a national conference, and we went to visit his aunt, who lives in Akron, Ohio. On the wall she had her family tree, and I was delighted to find one of my ancestors listed there. My friend and I turned out to be fifth cousins one way and sixth cousins another way.

In spite of the difficulty of actually finding a person who is not my 11th cousin, I persist; surely it is false that everyone on Earth is my 11th cousin. Actually it is not as false as it might appear at first thought. There has recently been a lot of work done on mathematical modelling of population dynamics in recent decades, and some surprising facts emerge.

First, everyone is related to everyone else at the level of 50th cousin or nearer, and it is usually much nearer. Second, we are all descended from everybody who lived far back enough in history.

Guy Murchie, a science writer, says "It is virtually certain that you are a direct descendant of Muhammad and every fertile predecessor of his, including Krishna, Confucius, Abraham, Buddha, Ceasar, Ishmael and Judas Iscariot." (I'm surprised about the last name. I don't think there is any mention that Judas Iscariot had any children. The name was probably put on the list to remind me that I am descended from rogues as well as saints).

Philosophers, poets and religious thinkers have all spoken of the single family of the human race. That concept is not only a beautiful ideal; it is quite literally true. The next time we meet on the street, let us greet each other as long lost cousins. That is exactly what we are.

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"By heavens," exclaims the stranger,
 "One only, far and nigh,
 Hath arms like the lithe young ash tree
 Or half so keen an eye."

"And that is Lewis Wetzel,"
 Quoth Lewis. "Here he stands."
 So they speak in gentle manner
 And clasp their friendly hands.

Ride out of the leafy greenwood,
 As rises the yellow moon,
 And the purple hills lie pleasantly
 In the softened air of June.¹

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¹ Wetzel County, West Virginia, is named for Lewis Wetzel. State route 7 through Wetzel County, W. Va., was named the "Lewis Wetzel Trail," by the West Virginia legislature in the 1937 session.

FLOHUS B. PIMPTON



Introduction

HUNTER of red men, hunted by both red and white, condemned murderer, avenger, untamed adventurer, protector of his race, bold frontiersman of unerring aim and bashful fiddle player in whose company only children and dogs delighted, Lewis Wetzel stalks the pages of early Kentucky, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Ohio history as a half myth whose exploits have thrilled fire-side circles for generations.

Measured in standards of to-day he was an outlaw and troublemaker; measured in the standards of his day he was a hero and the champion of outraged humanity. Perhaps an account of his adventures may give us an insight into the trials and terrors of pioneer times, the fears and cruelty, the hardships and hopes of the settler, the crude justice, blind passions, and dogged determination which made up the sharp and high-tempered edge of civilization that pushed back the forest and the Indian to make room for the Whites.

Lewis' father, an "honest Dutchman" named John Wetzel, was no Indian fighter, but his five sons spent most of their



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lives seeking Indian scalps or hustling to save their own.

Martin Wetzel, brother of John Wetzel, was born in 1731, in Holland.¹ John Wetzel, father of Lewis Wetzel, was born in 1733 in Holland.² The Wetzel family moved to Switzerland about 1740. In 1747 they came from Switzerland to land about 1740. In 1747 they came from Switzerland to Pennsylvania. Their mother died on board the vessel a few days after they were at sea, and upon landing at Philadelphia they were deserted by their stepfather. Martin, aged sixteen, and John, aged fourteen, were sold for their passage.

Martin located afterward in Oley Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania, and John located in Hareford Township, Pennsylvania, where they resided until about 1756.³ Martin resided on a farm, which he owned and left to his descendants. He served in the Revolutionary War and participated in the battles of Long Island, Brandywine, and Germantown. He was a man of good judgment, of strict integrity and honor. He married a Miss Bertolet, about 1772, of Oley Township, daughter of one of the Huguenot settlers of Berks County. We have no further record of her. They had one child, Abraham, born November 15, 1773, in Oley Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania, who died on July 9, 1846, in Harrisburg and was buried there. He was twice married. First to a Miss Deffebaugh, and had an issue, and secondly,

¹ *Thirty Thousand Names of Emigrants*, by Rupp, page 121, says that John, Martin and Heinrich Wetzel came to America Sept. 16, 1747, on the Palatine Imported in Queen Elizabeth's Hope from Rotterdam east from Deal, England, with 300 other emigrants.

H. S. Whetsell, editor of *The Preston County Journal*, at Kingwood, W. Va., says that Hans Martin Wetzel came to America in 1731; Johan Jacob in 1734; Johan Werner in 1738; Jacob in 1746; Hans George in 1750, and Johann in 1754. It was Johan Jacob or Jacob Werner that was the father of Captain John Wetzel who married Mary Bonnett, daughter of Captain John Bonnett, Sr.; also Martin and Heinrich Wetzel. It is not known if the six Wetzels were brothers or not as some of them came from the Rhine River of Germany. "Wetzel" is German. "Whetsell" is the English way.

² Bonnett to Draper, *Draper's Mss. 2E8*, in State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin.

³ *Pennsylvania Archives*, Volume 18.

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August 2, 1810, by Rev. F. D. Peterson, to Mary Reynard, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Reynard, born May 16, 1786, died February 16, 1860, leaving the following children: Elizabeth, Martin, and Mary. Martin, Sr., died in 1822 and was buried in the cemetery of Zion's Lutheran Church, on fourth and Chestnut Streets, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

John Wetzel and Mary Bonnett were married in 1756 and the couple moved to Rockingham County, Virginia, where they lived for a few years until they moved to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Of their children, Martin was born in Rockingham County, Virginia, and Lewis Wetzel⁴ was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

The Wetzel Family

The children of Captain John Wetzel, Sr., and Mary Bonnett Wetzel were: Martin, born 1757; Christiana, born 1759; George, born 1761; Lewis, born August 1763; Jacob, born September 16, 1765; Susannah, born 1767; John, Jr., born 1770.⁵

Martin Wetzel married Mary Coffelt, now called Coffield,⁶ in 1784 or 1785. Their children were three sons and eight daughters: George, born 1785; John, born February 6, 1797, died February 2, 1879, having married Elizabeth Miller, July 19, 1825, with Henry Furlong performing the ceremony.⁷ The children of John and Elizabeth Miller Wetzel were: Martin, born August 16, 1834, died July 18, 1904;

⁴ Lewis Wetzel was my great-uncle, my grandfather's mother being Sarah Wetzel, a daughter of Jacob Wetzel, one of Lewis' younger brothers. The name Wetzel was first applied to a person who whetted, whittled, or sharpened tools with a cutting edge.

⁵ Lewis Bonnett to Lyman C. Draper, *Draper's Mss. 20S64*, and 20S48, in the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin.

⁶ *Marriage License Book 1*, found in the Clerk of the County Court's Office in the Courthouse at Wheeling, Ohio County, West Virginia.

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Lewis; John T.; Hiram; William, and Nancy. Martin married Margaret Haynes. John T. married Mary Purdy. The family of Lewis' wife is unknown. Similarly, the family of Hiram's wife is not known, but her given name was Rosa, and the same is true of William's wife whose given name was Helen. Nancy Wetzel married George Crow. John Wetzel's wife, Elizabeth Miller Wetzel, was born in 1803; died October 2, 1848.⁷

Martin and Mary Coffield Wetzel's son Lewis married, but we know nothing of his wife's family except that her given name was Margaret.

Martin and Mary Coffield Wetzel's daughter Sarah, who was born in 1783, married James McCreary, September 11, 1803.⁸ She died November 30, 1848. James McCreary was born in 1775 and died March 17, 1817.

Martin and Mary Coffield Wetzel's daughters, Polly, Barbary, and Catherine, never married. Barbary was born February 16, 1792, and died December 31, 1863. Catherine died young. Chloe Wetzel, also called Clarissa, daughter of Martin and Mary Coffield Wetzel, married Ezekiel Caldwell; Rhumana, also called Rhuie and Ruth Wetzel, daughter of Martin and Mary Coffield Wetzel, married Alexander Caldwell.⁹ Ruth Wetzel Caldwell was born 1794, and died February 26, 1865. Alexander Caldwell was born August 4, 1798, and died June 25, 1888. Rhoda Wetzel, daughter of Martin and Mary Coffield Wetzel, married Hamilton Gosney Decem-

⁷ The family are buried in the Blair's Ridge cemetery, two miles off U. S. 250 in Marshall County, West Virginia.

⁸ *Marriage License Book 1*, p. 90, found in the Clerk of the County Court's Office, of Ohio County, in the Courthouse at Wheeling, West Virginia. Mary Coffield Wetzel, wife of Martin Wetzel, died at Martin Wetzel's old home place on Wheeling Creek in 1836 or 1837.

Bonnett to Draper, *Draper's Mss.* 24S48, in State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin.

⁹ *Marriage License Book 1*, found in the Clerk of the County Court's Office, in the Courthouse at Wheeling, West Virginia.

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ber 4, 1827, with Thomas Dakan performing the ceremony.¹⁰ Peggy Wetzel, daughter of Martin and Mary Coffield Wetzel, married Jacob Daren. Martin Wetzel died in October, 1829, at the old Wetzel homestead on Big Wheeling Creek.¹¹ His daughter, Mary (Polly) Wetzel, died May 6, 1846, at the old homestead on Big Wheeling Creek.¹²

Christiana Wetzel, daughter of John and Mary Bonnett Wetzel, married Jacob Wolf;¹³ they had one son, John Wolf.¹⁴

George Wetzel and the famous Lewis Wetzel, sons of John and Mary Bonnett Wetzel, never married.

Jacob Wetzel, son of John and Mary Bonnett Wetzel, married Ruhama Shepard, daughter of William Shepherd, niece of Colonel David Shepherd, on December 8, 1795.¹⁵ Jacob and Ruhama Shepherd Wetzel's children were: Sabra, born February 22, 1798, and died January 20, 1822. Sabra married Dr. Charles Newton and they had one daughter, Amanda, who died in 1821 at the age of two years.¹⁶ Cyrus Wetzel, son of Jacob and Ruhama Wetzel, born December 1, 1800, married Elizabeth Mills. They had two sons, Jacob and Francis;

¹⁰ Martin Wetzel, his wife, Mary Wetzel, and his daughters, Barbary, Catherine, Rhuie and Alexander Caldwell's family, are all buried in the McCreary cemetery three miles east of U. S. 250 in Marshall County, West Virginia.

¹¹ John T. McCreary's grandfather was the undertaker that buried Martin Wetzel in October 1829.

¹² Lewis Wetzel's mother, Mary Bonnett Wetzel, died in June, 1805, on Wheeling Creek in the old home place, owned by her son Jacob Wetzel adjoining Ezekiel Caldwell's and was buried in the McCreary cemetery, as was John Wetzel, Jr., and his family. Mary Bonnett Wetzel was born in 1735. Bonnett to Draper, *Draper's Mss.* 24S47 and 2E23, in the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin.

¹³ Bonnett to Draper, *Draper's Mss.* 24S48, in State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin. Jacob Wolf was from Preston County, West Virginia.

¹⁴ Perhaps others but names are unknown.

¹⁵ Bonnett to Draper, *Draper's Mss.* 20S103, in State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin.

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, 20S104.

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both died unmarried, and one daughter, Sarah Melvina, who married W. N. McKinsey (also called Mackenzie). Emily Wetzel, daughter of Jacob and Ruhama Wetzel, married W. H. H. Pinney; they had no children. Maria Wetzel, daughter of Jacob and Ruhama Wetzel, married David Allen and had the following children: Elma, Cortina, Thirza, and Austin.

Eliza Wetzel, daughter of Jacob and Ruhama Wetzel, married James S. Kelly and had the following children: Amanda, Nancy, Oscar, and William. Amanda married Ezra Allman. J. Hiram Wetzel, son of Jacob and Ruhama Wetzel, married Alzada Aldrich and had one son, Jacob.¹⁷

Susan Wetzel, daughter of Jacob and Ruhama Wetzel, married Thomas Lou and had two daughters, Caroline and Adeline.

Sarah Wetzel, daughter of Jacob and Ruhama Wetzel, married Isaac Briggs and had two children, Mary and David. Mary married Thomas Stewart. Sarah was born May 20, 1810, and died October 17, 1880, and is buried in the cemetery at Carrollton, Ohio.

Susannah Wetzel, daughter of John and Mary Bonnett Wetzel, married Nathan Goodrich (often called Guttery). Their children were: John, near Brookfield, Indiana; James, near St. Louis, Missouri; Cynthia, married John Cherry near Shelbyville, Indiana; Susan, marriage unknown; George, the eldest son, married Mary Tush.¹⁸

John Wetzel, Jr., son of John and Mary Bonnett Wetzel, married Eleanor Williams, daughter of Thomas, sister of Hugh, George, and Jonathan Williams of Bedford County, Pennsylvania. They had two sons and seven daughters: George, Lewis, Polly, Ruth, Keziah, Sophia, Eleanor, Eliza, and Barbara. George, who was born in 1797, was living in

¹⁷ There may have been others but they are unknown.

¹⁸ Bonnett to Draper, *Draper's Mss.* 24549, in State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin.

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Appanoose County, Iowa, when interviewed in 1868 by Lyman C. Draper.¹⁹

Polly married Nathaniel Kane; Ruth married Adam Coffield on October 24, 1828, with Thomas Dakan performing the ceremony. Keziah unmarried; Eliza married William Rohrbrough; Sophia married, name not given, died soon after marriage. Eleanor married James McCreary; Barbara died unmarried; Lewis had no children and lived near Dayton, Ohio.²⁰

The Bonnett Family

Catharine, Mary, Lewis,²¹ Susannah, John, and Samuel Bonnett were brothers and sisters, and children of John Bonnett, Sr.

Catharine Bonnett married John C. Sickles (or Sycks) and had the following children: Philip, David, and Margaret.

Mary Bonnett married Captain John Wetzel. Their children are previously named in this chapter.

Lewis Bonnett married Elizabeth Waggoner and had the following children: Lewis, Jr., born in 1778, John, Mary, Elizabeth, and Barbara. Lewis Bonnett, Jr., married Jane McClain.²¹

Jane Bonnett, daughter of Lewis Bonnett, Jr., and Jane McClain Bonnett, married Frederick Williams, and had the following children: Mary Ellen and Margaret Belle. Mary Ellen Williams married Louis Wagner; they had one son, Frank Wagner. Margaret Belle Williams married Frank W. Bowers,²¹ and their children are: George W. Bowers, Ella Mae Bowers, and Charles Albert Bowers.

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, 24541.

²⁰ *Ibid.*, 24552.

²¹ John Bonnett, Jr., was born in August 1735, and died Sept. 2, 1816, aged 81 years and one month. His brother, Lewis Bonnett, Sr., was born in 1737 and died March 9, 1808, aged 71 years. Jane McClain Bonnett was born in 1780 and died August 20, 1839, aged 59 years. Jane Bonnett Williams died in 1925 and her husband, Frederick Williams, died in 1907. (See Appendices.) Frank W. Bowers died in October 1938.

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Susannah Bonnett never married.

John²¹ and Samuel Bonnett's marriages are unknown; but Lewis' son, John, had the following children: Lewis, Eve, Benjamin, Elizabeth, and Simon. Lewis Bonnett, son of John Bonnett, who was the son of Lewis Bonnett, the second, married Fannie Miller in 1824.²² Daniel Blue married Eve Bonnett, daughter of John Bonnett, in 1817.²³

Lewis Bonnett, Sr., was born in Paoli, Chester County, Pennsylvania, in 1737. His ancestors emigrated from French Flanders and were of French extraction. They settled at Paoli, Pennsylvania, where his parents both died within a few years of each other. Lewis Bonnett, Sr., had one brother, Samuel Bonnett, who took charge of the family after the parents' death, and moved them to the Monongahela country. In the fall of that same year he was killed by the fall of a tree. Lewis Bonnett, Sr., enlisted into what was then called the Virginia Rangers, and was under Washington in Braddock's defeat. He was then about eighteen years of age. He was not in Bouquet's expedition of 1764.

He married Elizabeth Waggoner in the South Branch and took part in all the Indian scouting parties. He moved to Wheeling Creek with his brother-in-law John Wetzel in 1764, where he lived for a few years. He sold his property on Wheeling Creek and moved to the mouth of Dunkard Creek on the Monongahela where he lived for several years. Selling out there he moved back to Wheeling Creek, Virginia, about 1781 or perhaps 1782, and died at his residence there March 9, 1808. He is buried on the farm in a family cemetery.

Elizabeth Waggoner Bonnett's ancestors migrated from Flanders about the same time as Lewis Bonnett's and settled

²² *Marriage License Book 1*, p. 50, found in the Clerk of the County Court's Office at Wheeling, West Virginia.

²³ *Marriage License Book 1*, p. 32, found in the Clerk of the County Court's Office in the Courthouse at Wheeling, West Virginia; also see Appendices.

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on the South Branch. Her father built a small fort, and one day the old man, his son Peter, and his daughter, Mary, were working in the field when the Indians came upon them, killing the old man and taking the boy and girl captives. The Indians rightly judged that they would be followed by the Whites and divided their party, each taking a prisoner. When the Whites pursued they happened to take the trail of the party that had Mary, who was a young woman, and two or three horses. It was early the next morning that the Whites overtook them. They fired at the Indians while they were still around their campfire, killing one Indian, wounding another, but unluckily one of the bullets proved fatal to "poor Mary." She was accidentally shot through the body and died the next day.

Mary was to have been married in a few days to a young man named Peters. He lamented "poor Mary's fate." However, he remained with the family for some time and finally went to Montreal, Canada, with some Frenchmen, where he remained for a while. He then made his way to Philadelphia, and bound himself out to boot and shoe making. He married and lived there until his death.

Elizabeth Waggoner Bonnett had a younger brother, John Waggoner, who moved to the Monongahela, married, and had his family destroyed by the Indians. She had a young sister, Barbara, who died at the ripe old age of eighty, in the Monongahela country.

Lewis Bonnett, Sr., had three sisters. John C. Sykes (or Sickles) married the eldest sister, Catharine. Captain John Wetzel married the second sister, Mary. The third one, Susannah, never married, but lived an old maid and died in Shenandoah County, Virginia. Old John C. Sykes (or Sickles) never lived on Wheeling Creek, Virginia. He remained in the Monongahela country and died there.

Sickles had three sons, Henry, Phillip, and David, who

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went West and settled near Natchez, Miss. Philip remained there, but David went to Texas and settled there on the Brazos River. Henry married Barbary Selsor and lived and died in Monongahela Township, Green Co., Penn.

John C. Sickles had a daughter named Margaret, captured by the Indians and taken as a prisoner to their towns. After some years she was taken to Detroit, where she married a white man who later took part with the Indians against General Wayne, and was killed in that battle. Margaret then made application once more to get back to her native country, which was granted her. She and her four children came back safely to her friends after an absence of many years. It is true that she always had a friendly feeling for the Indians and she would try to defend them when the Whites would say all manner of evil about them.²⁴

The tales of Wetzel's daring, hereinafter described, are those gathered from original and authentic records, and those handed down from generation to generation in the family,²⁵ and pieced out in places where both tradition and history are silent, from the author's imagination. The latter is the case in describing the trip from eastern Pennsylvania to the Ohio River.

Cecil B. Hartley, in his *Life of Lewis Wetzel*, says: "The carelessness of those who knew these men and the disturbed state of the country has occasioned the loss of nearly all written record of their action."

²⁴ Bonnett to Draper, *Draper's MSS. 11E34 and 11E35*, in the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin. Henry was born Feb. 12, 1757, and served in the Revolutionary War.

²⁵ In preparing this story, in addition to family traditions and written records, the following were consulted: Eli Huggins, 93-year-old descendant of the Wetzels; John T. Wetzel, the grandson of Martin Wetzel and a great-grandson of Captain John Wetzel; W. Scott Powell, author of the *History of Marshall County*; T. S. Terrill, aged 98; S. R. Hanen, aged 99; J. H. Hill, aged 96. (See Bibliography.)

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In the main the story is true as far as we can determine. It is written neither to praise nor to blame the central figure, but to picture him as he was, and in so doing to shed some light on border days.²⁶

²⁶ Where authorities differ, as they sometimes do, I have chosen the most authentic and probable version to give readers.

Sunday Exponent-Telegram, Sunday Morning, July 28, 1929
Clarksburg, W.Va.

MRS. ADELAIDE SWISHER HAD LIVED THROUGH TERMS SERVED BY 24 PRESIDENTS OF U.S.A.

Born July 24, 1839, two years after Van Buren took office; now 90 years old

By Wilbur C. Morrison
Submitted by Ruth Seeley Strother

Born before the eighth president of the United States retired from office, a quiet, unassuming woman living near Lost Creek, this county, heard the thirty-first president when he delivered his inaugural address March 4, last. During her life, twenty-three men have been president, of whom one, Grover Cleveland, is counted twice, his two terms not being consecutive, thus making twenty-four presidents since she was born.

If the radio had been in use, Mrs. Adelaide Swisher might have heard the voice of President Van Buren as she did that of President Hoover last March. She was born July 24, 1839, a little more than two years after Martin Van Buren became president. Of course, she was too young to understand anything said by him, if she had heard his voice.

Nor on the occasion of her ninetieth anniversary could she have recalled the carnival of wild speculation followed by Van Buren's election and induction into office, except as learned by her either through tradition or history. There were denunciations of the president then such as have been made of other presidents since, and his opposition to the annexation of Texas engaged the attention of the entire country at the time. She was too young to know anything about the situation then, and even the exciting campaign which encompassed his defeat for re-election made no impression on her mind as she was being rocked in the home cradle.

May Have Smiled

As she lay there, blinking her eyes, sucking her thumbs, and possibly wriggling her toes, she may have smiled an appreciation of incidents of the "log cabin and hard cider" campaign as they were discussed by members of the family, but if so, she could not tell anyone as she was not old enough to talk then.

The raccoon skin doubtless hung on the family door, but not as the emblem of the party to which her people belonged as they were members of the president's party. There were log cabins in her neighborhood, but not built there to further the political interests of Gen. William Henry Harrison, the old warrior and "plain pioneer" who after a brilliant military career was content "to live in a log cabin and drink hard cider instead of the costly wines", alleged to have been served at Van Buren's tables.

"Tippecanoe and Tyler, too," the victorious campaign song of the Whig candidate, may have been heard by her a time or two, but it is safe to say only by accident as she was in a different political atmosphere and the refrain was taboo in her father's household. She was too young to join in the jollification

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the election of Harrison brought and her people were in no spirit to do so. However, they and their party did not go down in defeat without a great fight. As one historian says, "the Democrats stuck gamely to their guns and put up a rancorous fight."

Exciting Times

In later years, there were equally exciting times which Mrs. Swisher vividly recalls as at times her personal safety as well as that of her family was involved. This will be mentioned more fully further on.

On the eve of the celebration of the beginning of the ninety-first year of her life last Wednesday, Mrs. Swisher, comfortably propped up in bed at the home of her son, Isaac Marion Swisher, three-fourths of a mile below the town of Lost Creek and on the road between that town and West Milford, interestingly reviewed outstanding phases of her long life. Notwithstanding her extreme years and enfeebled physical condition, she exhibited remarkable mentality and a wonderfully vitalized spirit in carrying on conversation and expressing her views.


Mrs. Swisher is a descendant of Thomas Smith, born in England, May 23, 1734, who located in New Jersey when he came to America about 1760, afterwards marrying Sarah Green, of that state. Both ancestral families took part in the American Revolution.

Watters Smith, one of the five children of the pioneer who came from England, was born July 15, 1767, married Elizabeth Davisson, daughter of William Davisson, of New Jersey, about 1793, moved to this county and settled on Duck Creek. He died in 1849 at the age of 82 and both he and his wife were buried in the Broad Run Church cemetery. He and three of his neighbors founded the Broad Run Baptist Church in 1804. Its first members were Watters Smith and wife, Jobe West and wife, Solomon Hires and wife, and Samuel Romine and wife, with John Carnery, missionary and pastor. The church was then known as Good Hope. It was located on Duck Creek. In 1817, the church was moved to its present location and the name changed to the present one. John Bailey was licensed to preach the next year, and the Rev. John J. Waldo, an ordained minister, who lived at Bridgeport and was related to the Johnsons and Goffs, became its pastor.

Seventh Child

John D. Smith, the seventh child of Watters Smith, was the father of Mrs. Swisher. He was born on Duck Creek November 12, 1810, and married Mary, daughter of Matthew Maddox. The latter died at the age of 30, when Mrs. Swisher was but 12 years old, and it fell to the lot of the latter to be a mother to the other children of the family. Her father lived to be 86.

As there were four children in the family besides herself, Mrs. Swisher as a girl assuming the position of mother of them, shared the responsibility of rearing them and had very little time to devote to personal pleasures. All grew to manhood and womanhood and thus proved the tender care and sisterly guardianship she gave them a complete success.



Only she and her brother, Alexander Austin Smith, of Duck Creek, the youngest, now remain of the family of five. He visited her a few days ago. He is in feeble health.

Porter Smith, one of the brothers, who served with the southern forces in the Civil War, was killed in a skirmish in the Luray Valley of Virginia after the surrender of Gen. Robert E. Lee at Appomattox, news of the surrender not having reached that region. He participated in a number of battles among which was that at Gettysburg, Pa., four days.

Wilson Smith, another brother, went all through the war as a Confederate soldier. He returned to Duck Creek, and later moved to near Weston, where he died two or three years ago.

The other member of the family, Delia Ann Smith, married Alvin Smith, a Duck Creek Farmer. Both have been dead a number of years.

Mrs. Swisher married Isaac Francis Swisher, of Rockford, May 8, 1860, at the home of her parents on Duck Creek, two miles across the hill from the place where she now lives. She remembers that the Rev, Jeremiah Simpson, a Methodist Protestant circuit rider who was pastor of the home church at the time, married them.

Go To Rockford

The couple went to Rockford to live. She reared her family there and continued to live there after the death of her husband February 24, 1896, when she discontinued housekeeping and has lived with her sons and daughters since.

Conditions were primitive in her early married life as she and her husband first lived in a little log cabin, which had been built by her husband's grandfather, Peter Swisher, who came to this country at an early day from Germany with his wife and settled there. The cabin is not only still standing, but two other houses built there by members of the Swisher family are also landmarks. The second was built by Isaac Swisher, father-in-law of Mrs. Swisher, and the third one by her husband in 1877. It is a frame house, now occupied by French Young.

Mrs. Swisher had no little part in the success of her husband who, as a farmer and stockman, prospered exceedingly. Having reared her father's family, she applied that experience in raising her own, with splendid success, and in the trying days of the Civil War when there were no men folk about the house, her self-reliance stood her well in hand.

Having learned to weave, spin, and sew in her girlhood days, Mrs. Swisher made clothing for her family from the wool grown by her husband on his small farm of eighteen acres, received from his father's estate. She had woven blankets before she was married, and after that event in her life, when she needed straw bedticks, she wove them herself. She was adept with the spinning wheel and other equipment necessary to weave and spin.

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Mrs. Swisher continued to weave jeans and other material for her children's clothing as well as for her husband and herself until the wool collecting wagons came around, and then wool was exchanged for cloth.

"I spun lots of yarn, when I was a girl," she said. We lived among poor people and I did a great deal of charity work along this and other lines. I was so busy doing this and looking after my brothers and sister when I had to keep house after the death of Mother that I had little time for amusement. I never danced or engaged in any of the frivolities of the day."

Habit of Sewing

The habit of sewing, contracted in her youth, has clung to her all her days, and only last March she hemmed a quilt. She continued to sew up to last April when she was taken ill. She made a specialty of piecing and hemming quilts, but did lots of other sewing as well.

Her husband, in addition to farming, and raising and grazing livestock, became a buyer for Frank Yeager, of Lehigh County, Pa., purchasing and shipping lambs on an extensive scale from Harrison, Lewis, Braxton, and Upshur Counties, where he became widely known, and sometimes going into the valleys of Pocahontas and Greenbrier Counties where he bought and shipped the finest cattle ever raised, it is said, mostly, for export trade. The name of Swisher became a synonym of fine cattle and sheep, and when visitors at the "old fair" wanted to see some of the finest livestock on the grounds they headed for the Swisher exhibits. Later Ray Swisher, a grandson, was an exhibitor at the "new fair".

Branching out extensively in his real estate holdings, Mr. Swisher at the time of his death owned a sixty acre farm at Johnstown, 130 acres near Lost Creek, the Tisdal farm of 200 acres adjoining and the home place of 180 acres, all fine tilling and grazing land. After his death, the land was divided by lot among C.F., J. Lee and I. Marion Swisher, sons, who were farmers; and equivalents in money were paid to E.S. Swisher, another son, who was a sadler, and to Mrs. McKeever, the daughter.

When her husband purchased the Washington G. Sheets farm where she now lives with her son, Isaac Marion Swisher, she is said to have taken a big cry as she thought he never would be able to pay for it. He had agreed to pay \$5,000. for it. He said he would pay for it in five years and he did.

Mrs. Swisher was the mother of eight children, five of whom lived to be grown and four of whom are living. Three died in infancy. In the order of their birth those who grew to maturity are: C.F. Swisher, of Fort Pierce, Fla., J. Lee Swisher, single, who died on the home farm, May 28, 1928, E. S. Swisher of Arbutus Park, Clarksburg; Isaac Marion Swisher, of Lost Creek; and Mrs. Ella McKeever of Columbus, Ohio, whose husband, O.D. McKeever, has been a Redpath Chautauqua lecturer the last twenty years.

There are sixteen grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

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Church Member

In her girlhood days, Mrs. Swisher became a member of the Methodist Protestant Church on Duck Creek, but soon after her marriage she identified herself with the Methodist Protestant Church at Rockford and has continued her membership there, a period of about 69 years. A constant Bible reader until failing sight and poor health compelled her to desist, she is versatile in scriptures and frequently quotes them as she lies on a bed of pain.

The Civil War broke out the next year after Mrs. Swisher was married. The Swisher family as well as her own and most of their neighbors were southern sympathizers, and whether suspected or not, they were often subjected to arrest, sometimes being brought to Clarksburg, while at others some of them were taken to Camp Chase, near Columbus, Ohio.

At such times, the women folk of the community experienced hardships as well as fright. Home guards, or Union soldiers, made frequent incursions in quest of southern sympathizers and every few weeks something was likely to lead to overt acts or expressions of disapproval of the government and the war. There was someone around most of the time to report what was going on and a part of the time to send word of something which actually did not transpire. Then the soldiers came in a hurry.

There were lookouts who usually heralded the approach of the "enemy" and the men folk took to the hills or other places of hiding, leaving the women behind to confront the searching soldiers with some sort of explanation as to the whereabouts or absence of the men of the house.

Asked if the soldiers mistreated the women in any way, Mrs. Swisher replied they did not and were always considerate of them, but at the same time the women were always "on their nerves" as they did not know how soon something might happen. As they did not like the Union cause, they could not always conceal their displeasure and feared the soldiers might resent that and fail to be gentlemen.

Men Captured

"The men were all taken off to Camp Chase in one of these raids," Mrs. Swisher said, "and my husband would have been taken, too, but he was ill of fever at the time.

"When Uncle Watters Smith, of Duck Creek, yelled: 'Jeff Davis,' a squad of Union men came and took him to the Columbus prison, where he remained several months. An Curry and his wife, Union sympathizers, interceded for him and finally got him out. Prisoners were treated rather roughly at Camp Chase and had to lie on planks for beds."

After making this comment on Camp Chase, Mrs. Swisher inquired of the son solicitously whether the remark would be harmful and was assured it would be understood in no spirit of spitefulness or ill will now.

"When left with the children during these searches, I hid the best I could," she said, "I remember one night when Union soldiers came looking for southern men, my husband hid out in the barn on a high hill some distance

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from the house. All at once our old bull dog had lunged against the kitchen door, the staple flew out and he plunged into the sitting room where he stationed himself before the hearth. The house was in darkness and I feared to turn on the light.

"Groping around, I finally found the staple, put it back in place and fastened the door. Old Tige would not budge an inch and I couldn't get him out. He was my self-appointed protector. He evidently sensed danger, and his presence doubtless averted it, as those who were sneaking about the premises had probably seen or heard his action and decided it safer to stay away."

Mrs. Swisher said that, as a rule, the soldiers never disturbed anything, but once in a while took shirts or something to eat.

Fourteen Children

There were fourteen children in the Swisher family, of which her husband was one, and twelve of them grew to manhood and womanhood and were married. All these and their husbands and wives are dead now, except Mrs. Swisher. Also all the older people who lived at Rockford in the days of her prime have passed on and younger generations represent the Blakes, Bonds, Randolphs, Currys and others. Dr. Buttermore was the doctor there then. Jonathan Bond and wife were among the pioneer people of the community.

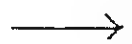
"Isaac" is a favorite name in the Swisher family, starting with Isaac, the son of Peter, and coming down with Isaac Francis, her husband; Isaac Marion her son; Isaac Wilson, a son of Marion; representing five generations, all of whom she has seen.

Mrs. Swisher said she was a childmate of Mrs. Mary Romine Ladwig, of West Milford, whose ninetieth birthday occurred July 18. "Her husband was an undertaker," Mrs. Swisher said, "and buried my father."

"I was in the store when Mr. and Mrs. Ladwig bought their dishes to go to housekeeping."

Because of her enfeebled condition, no formal observance of her birthday was engaged in; but members of the family and friends called during the day, some bringing delicacies as presents. She received numerous birthday greetings by mail, and a birthday cake came from her daughter. Decorated in roses and wreaths in lavender with the words and figures "Happy (90) Birthday" on it, as a message of love it was quite appropriate and received the admiration of all who saw it.

Afflicted with asthma, Mrs. Swisher has been bedfast since April 1, previous to which she was rather active for one of her advanced age. As previously stated she was downstairs March 4 and "listened in" with considerable interest when President Hoover's inaugural address came over the radio. She is in the care of a nurse at all times and everything possible is being done for her by the son and his wife, who was Miss Emma B. Romine before her marriage. She suffers little pain from the affliction, but expresses the hope that she will soon be taken on.



Ready to Go

"I have lived more than my allotted time here it seems to me, and as I can be of no further service to anyone I don't see why I should remain. I'm ready to go," she said.

Frail as she is, one does not play much on the imagination when he can so readily see the angel which will finally bear her spirit away gentling picking up this lovely sweet, trusting woman in his arms and taking both body and soul to realms where the crowning glory of an ideal mortal life will shine forth in the immortal.

As the apostle of old said, well may she say: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day."

Husband Died in 1896

Her husband, Isaac Francis Swisher, prominent farmer of the Rockford section died in 1896, and since that time she has lived with her son at Lost Creek. A native of the Duck Creek section, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Smith, Mrs. Swisher was next to last survivor of a large family. Austin Smith, still a resident of that section is the only living member of the family. She was born July 24, 1839.

She early affiliated herself with the Methodist Protestant Church at Duck Creek, and later transferred her membership to the Rockford church of the same denomination. A greater part of her married life was spent in the Rockford section.

The following children survive: Marion Swisher, at whose home she died; C. F. Swisher, of Ft. Pierce, Fla.; E. S. Swisher of Arbutus Park; and Mrs. O.D. McKeever, of Columbus, O. Among a number of grandchildren surviving are Ray and I. Wilson Swisher, both of Lost Creek.



MRS. I.F. SWISHER DIES AT AGE OF 90

Venerable Lost Creek Woman Had Keen Memory for Events of Civil War Days

(Special to the Exponent)

LOST CREEK, April 10. —

Stricken with a slight paralytic stroke this evening at 6:45 o'clock while eating her evening meal, Mrs. Adelaide Swisher, 90, passed away this evening at 7:30 o'clock at the home of her son, I. Marion Swisher, prominent farmer of this section. Apparently in her usual health, Mrs. Swisher suddenly fainted away and dies with less than an hour after being carried to her room.

Born during the administration of President Martin Van Buren, Mrs. Swisher personally remembered a great part of the history of the United States, and was consulted by those who sought for proper sequence of events prior to the Civil War and immediately following. Besides being one of the oldest persons in the county, she was acknowledged as a keen observer of the trend of events and enjoyed many a chat with old acquaintances comparing the old days with the new.

Active in Interest

Although her physical condition did not permit her to go about extensively, through conversation with friends who visited her at frequent intervals, and by means of radio, she kept in touch with current events, of which she was greatly interested.

Funeral plans will not be completed until the arrival of her daughter, Mrs. O.D. McKeever, of Columbus, O., some time tomorrow, but the final rites will be held from the Rockford Methodist Protestant Church in charge of the Rev. Otto Reeder, pastor, assisted by the Rev. George H. Snyder, of Flemington, and interment will be made in the family plot of the church cemetery, probably Sunday afternoon.

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Isaac Swisher
July 15, 1793-Feb. 19, 1854

married

Mariah Jett
Jan. 20, 1796-Aug. 18, 1863

Issue

Isaac F. Swisher married May 8, 1860
Mar. 6, 1837-Feb. 24, 1896

Adelaide Smith
July 24, 1839-Apr. 10, 1930

Emily Swisher

married

Moses Davis

Burgett

(lived in Colorado)

Mariah

married

Dr. Bond

Thomas

(Stephen Swisher's father)

Lemuel

(Jesse's Run)

Lorenza Dow

(Rockford)

Olive

married

Weston Smith

Lewis A.

married

Mary Allman

Simington

married

(Burgett Swisher's father)

Sarah Knisley

Sarah Ann

married

(Uncle Tommy's daughter)
Nutter

Mary Jane

This page in A. W. Swisher's genealogy has nothing on it but Isaac and Mariah. After her death, I was cleaning out my mother's desk and found a sheet on which she had typed the children and the added addenda. This might be somebody's missing link. Isaac F. is my great-great grandfather.

Submitted by Ruth Seeley Strother
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Sellersburg, IN 47172

There were 14 children in the family, twelve of which reached adulthood and married.

Union Hill Church Cemetery

This cemetery is located about 100 yards behind the Union Hill Church in southern Lewis County, W.Va. At one time this was the crossroads of Sand Fork, Crawford, Frenchton and Sammy Run. Now it can only be reached from the Crawford direction of two miles and is advisable that a four wheel drive vehicle be used. Directions from US Rt. 19 is to go south through Crawford, crossing a bridge in the village, then coming to a fork, taking the right and then the next fork to the left. This goes past the Post Chapel Cemetery and then on further about 1 1/2 miles. Inscriptions copied in June 1970 by Hartzel G. Strader.

REXROAD, John d. 3 Jul 1874 aged 81y11m3d.(s/o Leonard & Elizabeth (CAPLINGER) REXRODE.

REXROAD, Eleanor w/o John d. 16 Jan 1870 aged 75y23d (d/o George & Nellie (?) RYMER.

UNDERWOOD, Alva C. d. 1863.

UNDERWOOD, Coram d. 1873.

UNDERWOOD, CORDELIA A. b. 1865 d. 1875.

UNDERWOOD, Robert P., b. 25 Jul 1836 d. 8 Aug 1929.

UNBERWOOD, Nancy J. w/o R.P. b. 1839 d. 1877.

HEAVNER, J.L. b. 25 Oct 1868 d. 13 Jul 1927.

HEAVNER, Mary E. b. 3 Nov 1870 d. 11 Apr 1966.

WILSON, John W. b. 1847 d. 1930 (s/o William & Margaret (CURRY) WILSON.

WILSON, Ollie E. b. 1870 d. 1935 (nee Ollie SMITH, w/o John).

WILSON, Madge V. b. 1905 d. 1945 (d/o John & Ollie).

WILSON, Otis b. 26 Oct 1890 d. 6 Aug 1951, Pvt 153 Depot Brigade, WWI, (s/o John & Ollie).

WILSON, George b. 4 Jan 1896 d. 3 Oct 1955 W.Va. Cpl. Btry D 37 Arty CAC, WWI (s/o John & Ollie (SMITH) WILSON).

WILFONG, Annie E. w/o A.F. b. 17 Apr 1871 d. 24 Sep 1926.

LINGER, John D. b. 19 May 1817 d. 6 May 1904 (s/o Nicholas & Catherine (DOLLY) LINGER).

LINGER, Lucina w/o J.D. b. 2 Feb 1822 d. 2 Aug 1897 (d/o Jacob & Lucina (GILLET) CRITES).

ARMSTRONG, Jared Barlow, d. 6 Feb 1930, W.Va. Pvt 32 Field Arty 11 Div.

METHENEY, Rex b. 1903 d. 1965.

METHENEY, Ralph b. 1946 d. 1946.

There are several graves with sandstone markers.

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Morrison Cemetery

Location is in southern Lewis County on Sammy Run about three miles east of Walkersville on the north side of US Rt. 19 across from the Sammy Run road intersection. Access is by a gate about 100 yards west of the road intersection, through a meadow and up the hill about 300 yards on the farm owned by Mrs. Audrey HULL. It is well kept and maintained. Inscriptions copied in 1970 by Hartzel G. Strader.

HULL, Emory C. b. 3 Nov 1866 d. 11 Aug 1928.
HULL, M.L. (Lucy) his wife, b. 12 Oct 1869 d. 23 May 1949.
MORRISON, George H. b. 1876 d. 19--.
MORRISON, Ida D. b. 1878 d. 1946.
MORRISON, Mamie d/o C.H. & I.D. b. 1903 d. 1913.
MORRISON, Gideon H. b. 1839 d. 1921.
MORRISON, Elizabeth F. his wife b. 1846 d. 1928.
DEVER, Granville Lee s/o Robert & Eadeth b. 1941 d. 1943.
RIFFLE, Homer R. b. 18 Jan 1900 d. 6 Feb 1953, W.Va. Pvt Svc Co 16 Inf. WWI.
RIFFLE, Charles W. b. 1875 d. 1953.
RIFFLE, Lillie K. b. 1879 d. 1966.
WAUGH, Myrtle Jean b. 1929 d. 1936.
MORRISON, Jacob R. b. 1874 d. 1951.
MORRISON, Ida B. b. 1884 d. 19--.
LINGER, John Amos b. 28 Jun 1857 d. 31 Mar 1942 (s/o John & Loucina (CRITES) LINGER.
LINGER, Parley Drestes b. 16 Dec 1884 d. 17 Jun 1945 (s/o John Amos & Rosie (PROUDFOOT) LINGER.
LINGER, Glennie Mae b. 20 Feb 1889 (nee GRAY w/o Parley, d. 1958 buried in Old Baptist Church Cemetery, Oxford, Doddridge Co.W.Va.).

About a quarter mile south is a single grave plot of William THOMPSON who died in 1900.

Morrison Cemetery

This burial plot is located about 1 1/2 miles west of Vandalia about 100 yards on the right of the blacktop road going to US Rt. 19. This would be about 200 yards before reaching the Sand Fork road intersection, on the land owned by Mary and Maxine HORNER. There appears to be six graves; five of which have flagstone markers without ciphers. These are probably mostly MORRISON, as it is known generally by many persons that this is a MORRISON family burial ground. A single granite marker has inscriptions copied by Hartzel G. Strader, 2 Apr 1983.

JENKINS, Sarah E. d. 5 Jan (?1861) aged 12ds, d/o J. & P.

Peterson Family Cemetery

This family plot is located about two miles upstream from Vandalia, Lewis County, W.Va. To reach the cemetery, one must travel the blacktop road to its end, which then forks three ways, to the left is Wheeler Fork and to the right is Wildcat Run. Continue traveling on the middle one, past the next fork, keeping to the left for a distance of 1.2 miles from the end of the blacktop road. The farm surrounding the graves is owned by W.J. BARNES and they are located about 200 yards to the left from the road after passing the house, up a steep hillside in a wooded area. All stones were standing when inscriptions copied 2 Apr 1983 by Hartzel G. Strader.

PETERSON, Aaron D. d. 17 July 1876 in his 63rd year.
PETERSON, Lydia w/o A.D., d. 31 May 1878, aged 63yrs&27ds.
ECHES, Hugh s/o T&M, d. 24 Sep 1873 aged 1y1m15d.
ECHES, John T. s/o T&ME, d. 26 Dec. 1880, aged 3y7mld.
ECHES, Bertha d/o T&ME, d. 11 Feb 1883, aged 7 ds.
PETERSON, Charles s/o AD&L, b. 12 May 1860 d. 4 Jul 1863.
DUNCAN, Christena w/o J.W., d. 6 Oct 1872, aged 27y10m8d.
PETERSON, Lydia Maud d/o J.B.&W.V., d. 6 Mar 1881, aged 3y1m5d.

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Forinash Family Cemetery

The Jacob Crites FORINASH family graves are located about 1/4 mile upstream from the main part of Vandalia, Lewis County, W.Va. The location is near the first house on the left, owned by Mr. Kyle McCUE and they are about 75 yards from the road along the line fence. Nearly all the stones are lying down but inscriptions are legible. Inscriptions read 2 Apr 1983 by Hartzel G. Strader.

FORINASH, J.C. b. 25 Dec 1819 d. 10 May 1911.
FORINASH, Nancy w/o J.C. d. 25 June 1870 age 39y4m15d (1st wife Nancy FISHER)
FORINASH, Sanford b. 11 Jan 1854, d. 17 Feb 1875 s/o J.C. & N.
FORINASH, Hester M. b. 3 May 1881, d. 3 Dec 1881 d/o J.C. & M.E.*
FORINASH, Daisy E. b. 25 Jun 1879, d. 25 Feb 1884, d/o J.C. & M.E.
FORINASH, infant d. 15--1880 s/o J.C. & M.E. (stone broken).

*(1st wife, Mary Elizabeth LINGER, b. 1840, d. 1922 and is buried in the Vandalia Cemetery about 3/4 mile down the road.

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Simpson Chapel Cemetery

This cemetery also known as the REXROAD family graveyard is located in southern Lewis County on Sammy Run and four miles east of Walkersville. It is about one mile upstream from US Rt. 19 intersection on the right about 500 yards from the road on the Mr. and Mrs. Roger SMITH farm. The cemetery is regularly mowed and well maintained. Inscriptions were first read in 1959 and updated 25 Oct 1986 by Hartzel G. Strader.

LINGER, Isadora w/o S.W. LINGER 1859-1932 (d/o Nathan & Julia (EAGLE) REXROAD).

REXROAD, Nathan d. 14 Sep 1896 62y7m11d (s/o John & Eleanor (RYMER) REXROAD).

REXROAD, Julia w/o Nathan b. 25 May 1833 d. 2 Dec 1901 (d/o David & Sarah (FENTON) EAGLE).

McQUAIN, Eleanor Margaret, mother b. 16 Jun 1829 d. 2 Dec 1901 (d/o John & Eleanor (RYMER) REXROAD).
son George Jackson b. 13 Sep 1852 d. 11 Aug 1930
father buried in Braxton County.

WILSON, infants of J.C. & Ellen (REXROAD), Lena 1872, William 1877, Alva 1878, Wesley 1880.

REXROAD, infant d/o N. & J.A. REXROAD b. 1854.

FINEGAN, Mary E. (McQUAIN), b. 16 Nov 1850 d. 23 Feb 1925.

FINEGAN, John N. b. 2 Jul 1847 d. 7 Feb 1882.

FINEGAN, John J., Winnie E., Estella, ch. of J.N. & M. E. FINEGAN.

DAVIS, Prudy J. d/o J.E. & N.J. DAVIS d. 28 May 1872, 2y2m18d

BOWYER, Louisa A. b. 1853 d. 1930
(d/o Nathan & Julia Ann (EAGLE) REXROAD).

BOWYER, J.L. b. 18 Nov 1850 d. 21 Apr 1894 (h/o Louisa).

SAMPLES, Clyde S. b. 1892 d. 1912
(s/o Robert & Mary (REXROAD) SAMPLES).

SAMPLES, Chloe d/o R. & M.J. SAMPLES b. 25 Dec 1883 d. 1 Mar 1885.

SAMPLES, Robert b. 14 Oct 1855 d. 28 Feb 1936 (h/o Mary).

SAMPLES, Mary J. b. 3 Dec 1857 d. 4 Feb 1929
(d/o Nathan & Julia (EAGLE) REXROAD).

MARTIN, Victoria Lee b. 1891 d. 1908
(d/o Sylvias & Sarah Rebecca (REXROAD) MARTIN).

MARTIN, Basil Hugh b. 1895 d. 1908
(s/o Sylvias & Sarah Rebecca (REXROAD) MARTIN).

REXROAD, infant s/o John S. & Lucy (ROHRBOURGH) REXROAD, b.&d. Mar 1906.

BOWYER, William M. b. 1876 d. 1939
(s/o John & Louisa (REXROAD) BOWYER).

BOWYER, Alice G. b. 1879 d. 24 Apr 1953 (w/o William).

WILSON, Margaret w/o William WILSON, b. 11 Apr 1822 d. 8 Feb 1896
(nee Margaret CURRY).

WILSON, William d. 12 Mar 1875 in his 66th year.

WILSON, Dayton s/o J.W. & O.E. (SMITH) WILSON
b. 12 Apr 1901 d. 14 Oct 1903.

WILSON, Ralph b. 15 May 1898 d. 25 May 1986
(s/o John W. & Ollie E. (SMITH) WILSON).

SIMONS, H.R. s/o E.A. & M.A. SIMONS b. 1892 d. 1911.

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SIMONS, Martha A. w/o E.A. SIMONS b. 14 Aug 1862 d. 22 Sep 1913.
 SIMONS, Edwin A. b. 1862 d. 1942.
 SIMONS, Lucy b. 12 Mar 1845 d. 13 Oct 1909.
 SIMONS, William N. b. 1838 d. 1914.
 LONG, Stella d/o L.&A.G. WILLIAMSON b. 14 Feb 1874 d. 10 Dec 1921.
 WILLIAMSON, Emzy b. 1887 d. 1910.
 WILLIAMSON, Anne b. 1884 d. 1904.
 WILLIAMSON, Lem b. 1848 d. 1922, Adaline G. his wife b. 1847.
 STRADER, infant s/o W.I. & I.E. b.&d. 9 Apr 1914
 (Thomas, s/o Willis & Ida E. (WARNER) STRADER).
 STRADER, Julia A. d. 11 Dec 1908 37y11m16d
 (d/o Nathan & Julia Ann (EAGLE) REXROAD &
 1st w/o Willis Irvin STRADER).
 STRADER, Eldon L. s/o Guy & Ottie (MEADOWS) STRADER b. 1946 d. 1947.
 WILSON, George Cooper b. 11 Jan 1870 d. 15 Jan 1943
 (s/o James C. & Eleanor (REXROAD) WILSON).
 WILSON, James C. b. 1845 d. 1926, Co. A 10th W.Va. Inf.
 (s/o William & Margaret (CURRY) WILSON).
 WILSON, Eleanor b. 1852 (d/o Nathan & Julia Ann (EAGLE) REXROAD
 & w/o James C. WILSON).
 WILSON, Roy C. s/o J.C. & E.R. WILSON b. 19 Sep 1880 d. 20 Feb 1918.
 BUTCHER, Gilbert L. b. 16 Apr 1930 d. 23 Aug 1986.
 There are several graves that have only flag stones as a marker.

?? ALKIRE/BRAGG CEMETERY

THIS CEMETERY IS LOCATED IN BRAXTON.CO., W. VA., VERY NEAR THE
 LEWIS CO. LINE, NEAR AMOS ROAD TO DUFFY. (THE BRAXTON CO. MAP
 OF THIS AREA IS INCORRECT, ACCORDING TO LOCAL RESIDENTS).

Recorded by Mary (Carter) Scott and Dorothy (Carter) King
 August 1986.

ALKIRE, DAVID--D. 12/12/1866--AGE 78 yrs. 5 mo.
 ALKIRE, RACHEL--w/o D. ALKIRE--D. 1/15/1885
 AGE 89 yrs. 10 mo. 11 days
 BRAGG, E. S.--B. 9/5/1822 D. 12/13/1898
 BRAGG, PERMELIA S.--B. 11/5/1818 D. 7/3/1898
 (NOTE: d/o DAVID & RACHEL ALKIRE) DJK
 JONES, SAMUEL--D. 12/25 or 28/1869--AGE 76yrs.
 JONES, MARGARET--D. 6/28/1881--AGE 73 yrs. 6 mo.
 (NOTE: w/o SAMUEL JONES) DJK
 JONES, WILLIAM M.--D. 12/18/1873--AGE 33 yrs. 7 mo. 7 days
 JONES, SARAH--w/o G./C. W. JONES--B. 1845 D. 1878
 ROBY, THOMAS--B. 12/7/1781 D. 4/15/1863
 HECK, MARY E.--w/o W. S. HECK--D. 5/21/1882
 AGE 36 yrs. 10 mo. 9 days

THERE WERE SEVERAL MORE GRAVES WITH FIELD STONES MARKING THEM.

submitted by Dorothy (Carter) King

WHO WAS HANNAH BENNETT -
STARNES, SLEASON OR ELLSWORTH???????

EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to an error in my charts on page 75 of EARLY LEWIS AND HARRISON CO., W.VA., FAMILIES, THEIR DESCENDANTS AND ALLIED FAMILIES, I recently had correspondence with Cynthia Camp-Luciani, 39 North Spooner St., Plymouth, MA 02360. Cynthia questioned Hannah Starnes death of "after 1868". It should have read "after 1808". As I was answering Cynthia's questions, I was going through my Bennett file and came across some correspondence from Marie Bennett Benson, 578 Whitney Rd., Conneaut, OH 44030. Her letter, dated 16 Jan 1985, raised an important question - one which "Bennett-Starnes" family researchers have been working on for some time. I thought our readers might have some answers.

"Dear Mrs. Gilchrist,

"We have received, and thoroughly enjoyed the October issue of Hacker's Creek Journal. I thank you for your letter and the helps that you sent me. It seems to me that I do have a lot of family names and dates that I feel are quite accurate. I do have so very many that are unknown or questionable.

"Being older, seventy-five years this summer, I knew Uncle Stephen Queen; he was married to my great aunt Virginia Bennett. Since my gr. gr. grandfather, Moses Bennett, married Mary Queen I supposed Stephen was some kind of a cousin also. I once asked my grandfather Granville if he remembered much of his father or grandfather Bennett. His only reply was, "Who, the old horse trader?" It was followed by his great chuckling laugh. Since his grandfather Moses died before he was born he was speaking of his father, "Squire" Silas.

"I have Morton's Pendleton Co History, Cutright's Upshur Co., The Queen Family, and a few census reports etc. besides material from Mrs. (Bert) Harter (some of her Hehckel Bulletins). From her work she places "My" Moses Bennett as a son of Joseph and Hannah Ellsworth Bennett. She says her list of the children of Joseph and Hannah may not be complete and I noticed she didn't list Phoebe or Hannah as Morton did. Mrs. Harter did list Moses, Rebecca and J. (?Joseph). How can we know? I notice Cutright says Levi was the father of Joseph.

"Do you know any source for the names Starnes and Sleason as given to Hannah?

"I have had material on the Hinkles, I don't have much on Ellsworth"

Marie then included the following quoted from a letter dated 29 December 1977 from Mrs. Bert Harter, F.A.S.G., to a James Bennett, her cousin once removed, on the inquiry about Moses Bennett born 1776 in Pendleton Co. Va., the son of Joseph and Hannah Ellsworth Bennett..?"

"There is no proof whatever for the information in the Holt-Bennett book* and I have been in touch with the author and she has no additional material. In fact I sent her the correction that the wife of Joseph Bennett was Hannah Ellsworth, not Starnes. Also Henckel Genealogy confused the names of the Ellsworth girls, jaust as the Queen book did. I think that they obtained the information from the Cheveront family, and I can understand that they might confuse the names, especially since Barbara Ellsworth who md. Isaac Bennett had an only daughter named Hannah, who was reared by her grandparents, Moses and Mary Elizabeth Ellsworth. This is mentioned in the conceit for her marriage given by Moses Ellsworth in Harrison C.

"I have no idea why Morton lists the wife of Joseph Bennett as

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Hannah Sleason, or that D.A.R. and the Holt-Bennett list Hannah Starnes. Neither presents any proof.

"Moses Bennett did not name all of his children in his will, only his wife Hannah and his three youngest sons, Jacob, John and Elijah. There is ample evidence that Hannah was the wife of Joseph Bennett. She later married Aaron Vanscoy 6 Sep 1814 in Pendleton Co."

Mrs. Benson says that Mrs. Harter included several pages from Henckel Genealogical Bulletin and other references for proof.

Either Mrs. Benson quoted Mrs. Harter in error or Mrs. Harter made a mistake when she referred to "Moses Bennett". I believe Mrs. Harter was referring to "Joseph Bennett" as seen in the will of Joseph Bennett as submitted to me from Pendleton County court records by Gene Bennett of Buckhannon. I had questioned Gene Bennett of Buckhannon, WV, about the proof for the maiden name of Hannah. He had no proof either but intimated that he was working on the problem. However, he did submit the will of Joseph Bennett which follows.

PENDLETON COUNTY WILL BOOK 3, page 84.

"In the Name of God Amen, I Joseph Bennet of the county of Pendleton being sick and weak in Body, but of sound mind and disposing memory for which I thank God and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life, and being desirous to dispose of all such worldly Estate as it hath pleased Go to bless me with - I give and bequeath the same in manner following that is to say first, I desire that all my Just debts and funeral expenses be paid after my decease - - -

Secondly, After the payment of my debts and funeral expenses I give to my wife Hannah Bennet one third part of my Estate Both Real and personal for and during the term of her Natural life and after her decease I give the same to my Children herein after mentioned to be divided among them and to be enjoyed by them forever - - -

Thirdly, I give to my three youngest sons Namely Jacob John and Elijah Bennet all the lands I now possess in the county of Pendleton and state of Virginia to be Equally Divided amongst them three to them their heirs forever. Also one small colt and Rifle gun to my son John to have and to hold forever - likewise to my youngest son Elijah one Dark Bay Colt and Rifle gun to have and hold to him forever. Fourthly and all the Rest of my Personal Estate of what nature or kind soever it may be not herein Particular Disposed of I desire may be Equally Divided among all my Children Equal share alike - - -

and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend Hannah Bennet and Isaac Coberly Executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other or former wills or testaments by me heretofore made in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and fixed my seal this seventh day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and eight.

Joseph Bennet (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published and
Declared as and for the last
will and testament of the above
named Joseph Bennet in the presence of
Isaac Henkle
Thomas Bland
John Dice

At a court held for Pendleton County July 3rd 1810 this last will and

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testament of Joseph Bennet deceased was presented to Court and proved by the oaths of Isaac Henkle and John Dice two of the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Teste

L. Dyer C.P.C."

EDITOR'S QUESTION: If Hannah's maiden name was "Ellsworth" what is the reasoning for Sarah Starnes Hacker, daughter of Jonathan and Hannah (Bennett) Hacker being given the middle name of "Starnes"?

HISTORY OF THE WETZEL FAMILY
by W.R. Wetzel, Seattle, WA - 1908

EDITOR'S NOTE: This material on the Wetzel family along with query number 1 in the query section and a biographical sketch on Lewis Smith Wetzel from Hardesty's histories (Wirt County) were submitted by Ruth Seeley Strother, 7904 Highway 60, Sellersburg, IN.

This name in the present generation is spelled in several different ways, viz: Wetsel, Wetzel and Whetzel, but we find from investigation that each of these three people come from the original immigrants who came to this country from Germany, and spelled the name Wetzel.

The first record we have of this family is that of three brothers: Nicholas, Henry, and Martin Whetzel respectively. These men were Germans and came to America in the early part of the eighteenth century. First we hear of them is about 1730.

The only one of these brothers we can trace down in the present generation is Nicholas. This brother had a son whom he called Henry after his brother Henry. Coming on down we find Henry Wetzel, Jr. married and was father of a George, Lewis, John and some other children of which Jacob, Abraham, and David are named; then from Jacob, whom we learn was a Lutheran preacher, we find three sons, Lewis, Josiah, Silas and others of whom we have no record. From Lewis we find three sons: John F., Daniel, Charles, and others of which we have no record.

The information of this line of the Wetzels was given us by John F. Wetzel, M.D, and I will quote from him the following, which will make the above seem clearer:

"The history of Nicholas, Henry, and Martin is lost in the obscurity of early American history, or rather unwritten history of Virginia, Pennsylvania, etc.

"To commence with myself and go backwards, I was born June 13, 1853, at Weston, Lewis Co., Western Virginia. My wife was Elizabeth Fishback of the Valley of Virginia. I was educated at Morgantown, Monongahela County, West Virginia. I taught in different states. I graduated from Medical College, Portland, Oregon, in 1889. Was assistant surgeon in Polyclinic, San Francisco, California. Post Graduate Course, Medical Department, University of California. Post Graduate Course, Medical Department, University of California, in '84 and '86.

"My father, Lewis Smith Wetzel, was born same county and state as myself in 1820, so he is well toward 80 years old and is as good a worker today as most men at 50 years. The only sickness either of us ever have is headaches.

"Father was contracting and building when eighteen years of age. He worked two or three weeks carving a mantle in the first house he

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built for a Judge in Weston. Later he built turnpike bridges on Stanton Pike as far west as Parkersburg, West Virginia; also a section of the B. & O. R.R. when it paralleled the Pike. He built this pike and bridges.

"In 1859 the oil discoveries took him to Burning Springs, Wirt County, West Virginia, where he is now drilling and pumping oil wells.

"My mother was Anastasis Murphy, who was born in Cork, Ireland, in 1825, of Irish parents who removed to Western Virginia when she was six years old. Grandfather, Jacob Wetzel, was a Luther preacher of same county and state. He married Miss Smith of Smith's Run, near by Weston, the county seat of the county. His father, George, was a farmer and George's father, Henry, the son of Nicholas, was a settler, hunter and trapper and was named for his Uncle Henry, one of the three brothers, the original emigrants from Germany."

This John F. Wetzel is a practicing doctor in San Francisco at the present time, and the following are his children, whom we suppose also reside there: Benton Gaillard, Lewis Asbury, Pearley Poe, Anacortis and May Gertrude; "these are the seventh generation along our branch."

Comments from Ruth Strother:

The balance of this history concerns the descendants of a Conrad Wetzel, almost all of whom settled in Oklahoma and Texas.

In re the Jacob in Paragraph 3, my grandmother, Margaret Elizabeth Wetzel Swisher, wrote down for me that Jacob's children were Lewis, Joshua Tolbert, George Jackson, Robert, and Dennis D. In addition the 1850 census lists Rebecca, Margaret M., Jefferson P., and Albert L. No Josiah or Silas are named.

Lewis and Joshua Tolbert Wetzel married sisters. Lewis married Anastasia and Joshua married Catherine Murphy. The girl's parents were William Murphy and Mary Gannon. William and Mary came over from Shannon Co., Ireland in 1828. Anastasia was born in Ireland, but Catherine was born at the mouth of the Monocacy River, MD where her father ran a tavern near Tuscarora, MD when the C&O Canal was being built.

The children of Lewis were Daniel E., John F., Charles, and Lulu F.

MARION COUNTY HISTORY BOOK

The new Marion County History came from the publishers and was sold out by mid October. The Marion County Genealogy Club is now taking names, addresses and phone numbers for those interested in purchasing a book IF they have a second printing. The price will be in the \$50 range. Contact Majorie Potesta, 824 East Park Ave., Fairmont, WV 26554.

Editor's Note: Job well done! Lots of genealogy and history and a must for anyone with Marion and/or Monongalia County roots.

Hardesty's West Virginia Counties

Jim Comstock, ed.

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LEWIS S. WETZEL — an oil producer engaged in business in Burning Springs District, Wirt county, West Virginia, has been a resident here since 1861. He is the only oil producer of 1861 now in Burning Springs. His birth was in Lewis County, Virginia, July 17, 1824, his parents, Jacob and Eve (Smith) Wetzel. His father died in 1862. In Weston, Lewis county, September 13, 1849, were spoken the words uniting in marriage Lewis S. Wetzel and Annistasia Murphey. She was born in Leinster, Ireland, June 24, 1825 a daughter of William Murphey, now deceased and Mary (Gannon) Murphey. The children of Lewis S. Wetzel and wife are: Daniel E., born September 11, 1850, lives in Huntington, West Virginia; John F., June 13, 1852, lives in Kansas; Charles, October 27, 1859, lives in Michigan — all practising physicians; Lulu F., September 20, 1862, lives at Burning Springs. Mr. Wetzel has twelve years held the office of school commissioner, and is the present incumbent. He is a grandson of George Wetzel, a veteran of the 1812 war, and is related to Lewis Wetzel, the famous Indian fighter. His address is, Lewis S. Wetzel, Burning Springs, Wirt County, West Virginia

A GENEALOGY POEM

In this busy world
Where time passes too quickly
I can't see you, talk with you,
Listen to you, or be with
you as much as I want.
But, time never goes by too
quickly
That I don't think of you every
day and smile. . . .
And remember. . . .
And feel glad. . . .
That you are my people.

- Dorothea Woods Sargent
September 1986

LOCATED ON HILL UP HACKER'S CREEK, BEYOND BERLIN, 1/2 MILE PAST THE
WOLFE CEMETARY WHICH IS ON HILL AT JOHN HERSMAN FARM.
THE "PLEASANT VALLEY" AM CHURCH IS 4 MILES UP CREEK JUST PAST McVANEY
PLEASANT GROVE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH CEM.
(LEWIS COUNTY)

Submitted by Raymond Wolfe Jr.

The Pleasant Grove Church stands today as it has stood for well over one hundred years. -----
On the Hackers road just across the Lewis County line, the church stands mounted on a high hill on the right of the road. The impressive beauty of this site is almost beyond words.

There is a view from the church of many hills and valleys far in the distance. When far from it, looking at the church, it is indeed a scene fit for an artist. It is surrounded by many large oak trees making a shady grove. A small rock based road twists about 200 feet up the hill from the main highway to the church.

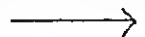
Exactly when the first class was organized is almost impossible to say. It can only be surmised that those first meetings were in the homes of area residents. The first church, as some folks in the area say, was a small log church.

It stood on the same side of the road the present home of Gladstone Rinehart, in the field beside his house. This made it situated just a few hundred yards before getting to where the road goes to the present church.

The first deed written for the church was in 1877. It was between Franklin Mount and Tabitha Mount(his wife) and Abraham Wolf, William Lawman and Ashford Rinehart. These last three men were the early trustees of the church. Monzel Marple's grandmother often talked of knowing that William Lawman helped build the church. It can be almost for certain the other trustees also helped.

A one acre lot was sold for sixty dollars by Mr. and Mrs. Mount to those trustees. It was described as being near Cookman's Mill, W.A. Bush and a blacksmith shop. The deed refers to the church as already existing on the lot in 1877. As part of the agreement, there had to be a good post and rail or plank fence put around the church lot. It was also agreed by the church to keep members from hitching their horses to the fence. As a result of that agreement, large metal rings were placed in many of the large oak trees surrounding the church. These were used to hitch the the horses to instead of the fence. Many of these rings were still easily located until the last 4 or 5 years. The trees bearing them have grown and decply buried the rings within them. It's easy to picture a beautiful Sunday morning with the church yard full of horses and buggies tied at almost every tree.

One unique feature of this church was a stone wall designed to aid ladies riding side saddle and small children in mounting their horses. The wall was located about 30 feet in front of the



church. It was about 2½ feet high and 16 feet long. Though covered with leaves, after a little digging it was still easily located.

Mrs. Velma (Marple) Wagner can remember her family going to services in the early 1900's, about 1910. There were a lot of children in the family. To get them all to church on Sunday they rode in a two seated buggy and the rest would ride on big, black horses.

The church is a white weatherboard structure and has glass windows on each of two sides. The roof was once slate. But in the late 1940's Mallaliew Marple and other church workers put a new tin roof on it.

Different from many churches of its day, there was only one front door instead of two. The steps going up to it were originally wooden. Eventually they became weathered and had to be replaced. Mallaliew Marple, Adrian Marple and Herbert Nu— laid a new set using red tile blocks and putting a thin covering of cement on them to hold them together.

The church stands on large, hand chiseled stones. Its foundation is constructed of large hand hewed sills, put together with wooden pegs.

The bell in the church was purchased by Bill Filhart's father. He immigrated to America from Germany. There every village had a bell. He said every church has to have a bell, so he bought one for Pleasant Grove. The two ropes for it are straight inside, a few feet from the front door. Different from many bells in that day, it had one rope which would ring it in a Sunday school fashion with the clapper hitting on the side. This gave the bell a "ding-dong" sound. The second ring was used to toll the bell. It was used for funerals. This was a single drawn out "dong-dong" sound. Claudie Marple, the custodian, usually rang the bell for services.

As this beautiful little country church sounded its beconing call, the picturesque valleys surrounding it echoed with its crisp clear message. How beautiful, on a crisp autumn morning to have heard that call and see the little white church as it stood on a summit which could be seen for several miles away.

The floors were made of plain wide unpainted lumber. It was nailed in with square headed nails. Through years of use, many of the nail heads stuck up and it was easy to catch a heel on one of them. There were no rugs or carpet on the floor except a strip of carpet down the center of the isle.

As members entered the front of the church, it was separated into two rows of benches. Although there was not a separation fence, as in many early churches, the members sat



carried on the practice passed to them for generations. The women set on the left side of the church and all the men on the right, except in more recent years when Arel McIntire set with his wife on the women's side.

The brown painted benches were from rough lumber. They had a plain flat bottom. The back board was located about one foot up from the seat bottom. This left a large gap between the bottom and the back board and left a lot to be desired in the way of comfort.

The church was lighted by oil lights. They were quite large and had a white glass globe on them. They were attached to the ceiling on eye bolts and suspended on two chains, one to raise and one to lower them. There were five of these beautiful lamps hanging in the church. One was at the front near the ministers pulpit, two more close to the first row of benches (with one on each side of the church), one hung by itself near the center of the church, and one lamp near the front door. These lamps were all removed, except one from the church, before it was sold. The one remaining light was left to be sold with the church. It was thought this light might be needed to see in the church because the electric had been disconnected. When the church was auctioned off, the light was sold. It brought about \$50.00.

In the late 1940's the church was wired for electricity. Rev. Rector was on the circuit at that time. During one of the revival meetings, several of the old oil lamps went out, and the people couldn't keep them burning, so the congregation decided to have electricity put in. Shortly after that Mallaliew and some of the men got together and put it in in about one day. Three large globe electric lights were suspended from the ceiling, in a row down the center of the sanctuary. One light was also installed outside above the front door and one in back of the church.

The church also, many years in the past, had a unique use. One Sunday the regular Methodist Protestant Members would use the church. There were several families in the area that were Seven-Day Baptists, including the Bond family. With the consent of the church, the Baptists held a church service in the church on Saturday.

The church was heated by a number 2 Burnside stove. It sat in the center of the church. There was a brick chimney that was on top of the church. Coal was usually burned and it was piled to the left side, just a few feet from the church. Still today, it is easy to see where the old coal pile was, beside two sugar maple trees. There was no coalhouse.

Claudius Marple was the janitor for the church during the 1940's and for many years before that time. He always went to the church early in the morning and "fixed" the stove, to have



it warm in the church for services. He always had a red hot fire, espically for revival meetings that were many times held in the winter time.

The altar in the church was built by William Lawman, one of the first trustees. It is about a foot and a half wide on top and designed in a broken (U) shape. There is a separation in the center of it to allow easy access to the pulpit. Unique too was the availability of the altar not to just pray at, but to sit on, if need be. If the altar were full of people or if you got tired of kneeling in prayer, it was perfectly alright to sit on it. It too was painted brown, as well as the lecturn(or pulpit). The floor was painted encircling the altar and flowing into an arched design on the wall behind the pulpit. The walls were painted white with about the lower three feet of them being painted brown. This brown strip blended into the arched design, behind the pulpit.

There were also three chairs behind the pulpit, against the wall. The center one had arms and the others didn't. They were high backed chairs, covered in cloth on the back and seat. The rest of each was of wood.

The church had a beautiful church organ. It was small and plain, but it greatly added to the services. The little pump organ had a row of about 10 knobs, black knobs with white inserts. They were used to change the sound and special effect of the music. Mrs. Ruth Nuzem, and Elain McIntire played the organ for many years. Most of the time they took turns, whoever was there would play. The organ wasn't used during class meetings, but it was for Sunday School. In later years, the organ was traded for a piano. In about 1945, Monzel Marple also served as an organist and pianist at the church.

After church services were discontinued, the piano was left there. It was auctioned off when, the church was sold. John and Twila Barlow bought the piano; sold to Shorty Long.

William Lawman made the Communion Set for the church. He made it from wood, bored the holes for the glasses. His wife, Olive Melissa Lawman, covered it in cloth. The Communion Glasses were ordered, but there is no knowledge of the companys name. The Set itself has been lost to time. The Lawman's were the parents of 12 children.

The Pleasant Grove Church was one of the strongest Methodist Protestant Churches in the area. There were no other major denomination churches very near it. It was on the charge with the Berlin Church, Laurel Lick, Fairview Church, Jesse Run, and the Harmony Church (the oldest Methodist Protestant Church in W.V.)



There were revivals quite frequently and at least once during the winter. Many times the services would last 2 or 3 weeks. Mrs. Fae Casto remembers that there were some tremendous revivals there and a lot of people would come. Many people would get "happy in the Lord", and shout all over the church. If the weather was bad many people would still come on a sled. They would hitch up the horses to it, and pile the whole family on.

Worship service was only held once a month. It was held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday School was also held. It was held at 1:00 p.m.

There were always class meetings too. They were usually held twice a month. They included singing, testimonies, shaking hands, shouting, and just a happy time in the Lord. Many times people were so joyous, they would "run the benches".

The baptizings were held just a short distance from the church toward Westfall Chapel. There was a deep hole in the creek there. Over a period of years, many people have been baptized there, in Hacker's Creek. There would usually be a small service on the creek bank and many times people would "get happy" when coming up out of the water.

Many times members of the Westfall Chapel, also a Methodist Protestant Church, would attend services at Pleasant Grove Church. These two attended many of each others services.

Monzel Marple remembers as a small boy, attending Sunday School Services. After Sunday School was over there would be a five minute recess before starting class meeting. At that time some of the men would go outside for a break. Some of the kids usually stayed with their dads. They were anxious to get out of a few minutes of Sunday School. As time would pass, Class Meeting would start. The men and boys would continue to talk. Many times there would be a song, a prayer, and maybe another song. Monzel, and the rest of the small boys, not wanting to go back to church until they had to, would be tickled at getting to stay outside such a long time. Just about that time Claudius Marple would come to the door and say "Boys, Boys, church has started it's time to come back in, come on now."

Ella Marple was converted in the Pleasant Grove Church when she was nine years old, 1892. Monzel remembers her sharing her experience with everyone. The church was full of people and she was small. The preacher had to help her over the bench to the altar, she couldn't get out. She was born December 25, 1883.

There were usually 3 Sunday School Classes. The childrens class was called the Card Class. It got its name from the



small cards that were given to the children in class. The cards had a religious picture on one side and a verse of scripture on the other side. This kind of literature is still used in many classes today. The second class was the teenagers class. The third class was the married people's class. The Card Class held their class to the left of the altar. There was a curtain dividing the class from the other classes. Against the wall, in the class was the cradle roll list.

The song books used at the church were very small, about 4" X 6" and probably about 2 inches thick. Most of the members never seemed to have any trouble singing from them, despite the fact there were only words in them, with no music.

NEW LOCATION

At one time there was quite a dissatisfaction about the location of the church. Many of the members didn't like having to walk on the hill to the church, when the road to it got bad. Many of times the ministers would have a hard time finding it, because it was almost out of site, on the hill. It was suggested to either move the church in its entirety or tear it down and move it. The new location was to be about 200 feet down the road toward Berlin and on the right.

The older members didn't want the church moved, so it was left on the hill. In the late 1940's a good coat of rock was put on the road, which helped getting up and down the hill.

PLEASANT GROVE CEMETERY Lewis County

Many of the members of the Pleasant Grove Church were buried in the church cemetery. Though forgotten by many and neglected by almost all, it is located behind John Hershman's house. It is on the first hill on the right, about 1/4 mile, after leaving the church, and heading toward Berlin.

The cemetery is grown over today in large trees. It contains perhaps 75 graves. It too has suffered from many years of neglect and care. How can such pioneers of our faith be forgotten today

The Pleasant Grove Church still stands today. Though the memory of its services have faded from the minds of many, the service to its community and to God will always be remembered.

Pleasant Grove Episcopal Church

The following membership roll for the Pleasant Grove Church was found in a small membership book measuring 9½ x 11½ inches. This small book is a imcomplete copy of the original book. The original was kept in the home of Mr. (unknown first name) Foster, who was Sunday School Superintendent. His home burned in the 1940's destroying many of the church records. The new book was filled out on Nov. 21, 1947. It is entitled, The Methodist Church School Record System, The Permanent Register of Church--School Members. Published by The Methodist Publishing House.

Pleasant Grove Church-Class Record-Nov. 21, 1947

ACTIVE MEMBERS	DATE JOINED	DROPPED
Emma Rinehart	July 20, 1902	Died-May 12, 1948
Mary Filhart	July 20, 1902	
Joseph McKinney	Feb. 7, 1887	deceased
Maggie Reed	Feb. 7, 1887	deceased
P. Lavada Profst	Feb. 8, 1887	deceased
Laura F. Lewis	Jan. 25, 1888	deceased
Lucinda B. Lewis	Jan. 25, 1886	deceased
Icy Rinehart	Jan. 25, 1886	deceased
Florence Davis		deceased
Claude S. Marple	Dec. 5, 1892	deceased
Floyd Rinehart		deceased
→ Ella Marple (MRS. ALVA) LAWMAN	Dec. 5, 1893	
M. B. Foster	Jan. 1, 1896	deceased
Selucus Eminus Marple	Jan. 1, 1896	deceased Feb. 13, 1949
Bruce P. Profst	Feb. 20, 1897	deceased
→ Alva Marple	Jan. 5, 1900	deceased
Seplema Hess	Dec. 23, 1904	deceased 1951
Rita McIntire	Jan. 21, 1907	deceased
John E. Marple	Dec. 29, 1910	deceased
Lestie McCue	Dec. 1911	deceased
Harrison Lewis	Dec. 1911	
Gladstone Rinehart	Jan. 8, 1922	
Mallalieu Marple	Jan. 8, 1922	transferred
William Filhart	Jan. 8, 1922	
Ruth Nuzum	Jan. 8, 1922	
John Rinehart	Jan. 8, 1922	deceased
Vera Queen	May 18, 1930	transferred
Ethel M. Marple	May 18, 1930	transferred
M. Arel McIntire	Nov. 6, 1931	
Murl Marple	Nov. 6, 1931	
Genevia Clark	Nov. 6, 1931	
Cosley Foster	Nov. 22, 1934	
Hazel Rinehart	Nov. 22, 1934	
Ruby Marple	Nov. 22, 1934	

Pleasant Grove - (Continued)

	<u>DATE JOINED</u>	<u>DROPPED</u>
Adrian Marple	November 22, 1934	
Helen Post	November 11, 1938	
Elaine Griffith	November 11, 1938	
Edward Earl Marple	December 10, 1943	transferred
Charles Marple	December 10, 1943	
Sylvia Reger	December 10, 1943	transferred
James Clyde Reger	December 10, 1942	
Melva Lorretta(McCue) Lewis	December 10, 1942	
Edwin Hall Lewis	November 29, 1944	
Elvie Marie Filhart	December 17, 1944	
Mordel M.(McCue) Goldsmith	December 1, 1946	
Donnie Pearl(McCue) Henline	December 1, 1946	
Ellis Henry McCue	December 1, 1946	
Monzel D. Marple	December 21, 1947	transferred
Betty Jean Hinzman	December 21, 1947	
Dorothy Lee Hinzman	December 21, 1947	
Margaret Jane Cayton	December 21, 1947	
William Jean Clark	December 21, 1947	

PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH
Lewis County

Inactive and Non-resident Roll

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Joined</u>	<u>Dropped</u>
Florence Davis	Jan. 10, 1889	
Lura M. Law	Feb. 29, 1892	joined at Salem
Ralph Lewis	March 2, 1892	
Dessie Davis	Dec. 5, 1892	
Stella Smith	Dec. 5, 1892	
Archilles Landolas Marple	Jan. 1, 1896	
James P. Groggs	Jan. 5, 1900	deceased 1/16/51
Lillie Lewis	Jan. 5, 1900	died-12/10/47
Gladis Marple Poling	Dec. 23, 1904	transferred
Ivy Ethel (Profst) Hinzman	Dec. 23, 1904	transferred
Henry Stead	Jan. 21, 1907	deceased
Elizabeth Utt	Jan. 21, 1907	
Murl Stone King	Jan. 27, 1909	joined Berlin
Idris (Marple) Queen	Dec. 29, 1900	transferred
Jeneva Swisher	Dec. 29, 1900	transferred
Mada McCue	Dec. 29, 1900	deceased
Frank Regester	July 29, 1912	transferred
Rosella Morrison	Dec. 11, 1911	joined Berlin
→ Dwight Rinehart	Feb. 9, 1913	
Hazel Long	Feb. 9, 1913	
Antha Racing	Feb. 9, 1913	joined Bkhn.
Arthur Rinehart	Feb. 9, 1913	
Eugenia McKenney	April 1914	
Gayton Keneth Lewis	Aug. 16, 1916	
Bush Lewis	Aug. 16, 1916	joined Weston

Inactive and Non-resident Roll - continued

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date joined</u>	<u>dropped</u>
Eula Rinehart	Aug. 16, 1916	joined Jane Lew
Lekia Mays	Aug. 16, 1916	
Cristine Profts	Jan. 2, 1921	joined elsewhere
Ruth McDaniels	Jan. 2, 1921	
Bert Rinehart	Dec. 15, 1892	
M. N. Groggs	Jan. 8, 1922	
V. I. Groggs	Jan. 8, 1922	
R. G. Groggs	Jan. 8, 1922	
Ora R. Groggs	Jan. 8, 1922	
Cleo Groggs	Jan. 8, 1922	
Brooks Profst	Jan. 8, 1922	joined Berlin
Junior Foster	Jan. 8, 1922	
Telma M. Gochenhour	Jan. 8, 1922	
Lelia G. Queen	Jan. 8, 1922	
Mona V. Cobb	Jan. 8, 1922	
Vergil Gordon	Jan. 8, 1922	transferred
Genevia Corethers	Jan. 8, 1922	
Thelma Heavener	Jan. 8, 1922	joined Weston
Guy L. Law	Jan. 10, 1922	joined Salem
Odis Smith	Jan. 10, 1922	joined Weston
Daisy Smith Riffle	Jan. 10, 1922	
Guy Nays	May 17, 1925	
Cora Mills	May 17, 1925	
Lillian Gills	May 18, 1920	
→ Vitra Swisher (RINEHART)	Dec. 4, 1919	MRS THORN SWISHER
Bernice Corder	Dec. 3, 1911	transferred
A. D. Nays	May 21, 1930	deceased
Grace C. McDaniels	May 21, 1930	
Swisher Nays	May 21, 1930	
Myrtle Queen	Nov. 22, 1930	
Gwendoln Johns	Nov. 6, 1931	
Victor Nays	Nov. 6, 1931	
Junior McCue	Nov. 6, 1931	
Evelyn Miles	Oct. 29, 1933	joined Buckhann
Velma (Marple) Wagner	Oct. 26, 1933	transferred
Howard Miles	Nov. 22, 1934	
Mary Groves	Nov. 22, 1935	
Martha Frasheur	Nov. 22, 1935	
Imogene Slobada	Nov. 22, 1935	
Erenestine Bond	Nov. 22, 1935	
Calden Jeom Stalnaker	Dec. 10, 1943	
Elsie Morene Stalnaker	Dec. 10, 1943	
→ Winfored Allman	Nov. 29, 1944	

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Pleasant Grove - continued

<u>Deceased Members</u>	<u>Date joined</u>
Ferienda Rinehart	Dec. 2, 1941
Ema Lewis	May 26, 1938
John W. Foster	March 25, 1937
P - Ida A. Rinehart (MRS. ANDREW)	May 1940
Martin Profst	July 23, 1945
A. Morgan Lewis	Jan. 3, 1944
Ema Marple	May 5, 1947
Orlando Rinehart	June 15, 1940
Viola Groggs	May 16, 1936
Cora Jamsen	Sept. 3, 1944
Anna Marple	Jan. 5, 1944
Arley Marple	Sept. 2, 1944
Darius Kelly	April 23, 1935
O. Preston Queen	July 2, 1938
Lee P. Groggs	May 20, 1936
Myrle Simmons	Aug. 5, 1943
Catherine Lewis	June 13, 1947
Herbert C. Nuzum	April 21, 1947
Lula Rinehart	
Floyd L. Rinehart	Oct. 5, 1892
Opha C. Lewis	Jan. 1, 1896
→ Andrew C. Rinehart	Feb. 20 1897
Roberda Bond	Feb. 16, 1927
Ema Nays	May 21, 1930
Joseph H. McKinney	
Lillie Lewis	Dec. 9, 1947
Emma Rinehart	May 12, 1948
Lloyd Lewis	deceased
Floyd Rinehart	deceased
Seleucus Emenus Marple	Feb. 13, 1949
A. D. Nays	June 20, 1950
James Grogg	Jan. 16, 1951
John Rinehart	April 29, 1951
Septimma Hess	1951

QUERIES

1. Jacob WETZEL (1803-1862) m Eve SMITH of Smith's Run near Weston, Lewis Co, 3 Oct 1822, minister was MITCHELL. His children were Lewis Joshua Tolbert (who lived in Lost Creek), George Jackson, Robert and Dennis D. The 1850 census also lists Rebecca J., Margaret M., Jefferson P., and Albert L.

Is anything known about Jacob as a Lutheran pastor? Did he have sons named Josiah and Silas? Does anyone have the vital statistics of the children?

The father of Joseph WETZEL was George WETZEL, whose sons were Jacob, Abraham, and David. George WETZEL fought in the War of 1812. The 1820 census of Virginia lists a George WHITZEL living in Rockingham Co whose sons were Jacob, John, and Peter. Is this Lewis Co. Jacob's father? Is this the George WITSELL listed on the muster roll of Captain Matthias MC COWAN's Company, from Monongalia, now Preston Co., in service at Norfolk in 1814? What are George's birth and death dates? Whom did he marry? Is there "any" possibility that this could be the George, son of Martin, son of Capt. John WETZEL?

If George WETZEL's father was Henry, as given in W.R. WETZEL's HISTORY OF THE WETZEL FAMILY, is this the Henry WHETZELL who lived in Rockingham Co., VA and applied for a Revolutionary War pension in 1835? What are his birth and death dates? Whom did he marry? Were there other children?

W.R. WETZEL gives Henry WETZEL's father as Nicholas. Is this the Nicholas who came over in the ship "Brittannia", Capt. Michael FRANCKLIN, from Rotterdam to Philadelphia, 11 Sep 1731, with Maria Barbara WETZELL, ae 33, Hans Martin, ae 6, Nicholaus, ae 4, and Katherina, ae 3? Does Nicholas go from Berks Co., PA to Western Maryland and then to Virginia? Any data?

The book, UPPER MONONGAHELA VALLEY, WEST VIRGINIA, Vol. III, by James Morton CALLAHAN, page 1342, states "A family chart in existence at this time shows the "SCHAFFER-WETZELL Family Genealogy". From this it is learned that the SCHAFFER side runs thus: Teval SHAFER and wife Elizabeth (WETZELL) SHAFER, etc. Is there a SCHAFFER from Hacker's Creek who knows of this chart? Ruth SEELEY STROTHER, 7904 Hwy 60, Sellersburg, IN 47172

2. My g.g. grandfather, Felix MC NEMAR/MC NEMARROW, b Hampshire Co, VA 1791, m Elizabeth DIX who d 1858 and bur. Mt. Zion Cemetery just below Augusta, WV. Felix and Elizabeth had 14 children. Felix moved to Wilmington, OH, area and lived near his son, Peter, until he died 1873. Felix's death record in courthouse, Wilmington, but unable to locate grave. In Moorefield, WV, there is record of a Joseph McNemar who had a son Phoenix (Felix); is this the Felix MC NEMAR who m Elizabeth DIX? Harriett MC NEMAR ESHAM, 206 Woodgreen CT, Claymont, DE 19703.

3. In HCJ, Vol. IV, Issue 4, page 167, there is a reference to graves being relocated to Carter Cemetery. Where is Carter Cemetery located? Dorothy CARTER KING, 10900 Cadiz Rd., Cambridge, OH 43725.

4. Mercy Ann CUTLER, b 14 Oct 1786, Somerset Co, NJ, m 15 Sep 1802 Northwest Territory, OH, John SUTTON. Mercy d 4 Jun 1876 Garnett, KS, and is bur Sutton Valley Cem at Greeley, KS.

From SUTTON information, Mercy CUTLER was d/o Mary COZAD (COSSORT) and Benjamin CUTLER. Mary COZAD, b 7 May 1756, Mt Olive, Morris Co, NJ, d/o Rev Jacob Cozad, Jr. and Elizabeth SUTTON; d 14 Jun 1811, Fairfield, Green Co, OH, and bur. in Cozad Cemetery, Fairfield, OH. I



understand that the Cozad Cemetery has been destroyed. Is this correct?

Mary COZAD's first husband was John COON who was killed in French and Indian War.

John and Mary COZAD COON had three children: John who was captured by a band of Indians and raised by them, m an Indian woman. His descendants were supposed to be living in Oklahoma Territory in the 1880's, but I have not found them as yet. John and Mary COON also had a baby son who was taken at the same time as John, but he was killed. There was also a daughter Charity, b 1769, m 16 Oct 1794/Clarksburg, Henry HINZMAN. She d 13 Mar 1872 Spencer, Roane Co, WV; Henry died ca Jul 1827.

Charity and Henry had children: Abram/Abraham, Thomas, Henry, William, John, Martha, Elizabeth, Polly, Rebeckah, and Charity. Who did they marry?

A Catherine COON married into the SUTTON family. Is she of John COON's family? Would like to exchange with anyone on these families. Frances TENNI SIMMONS, RR3 Box 587, Broken Arrow, OK 74014

5. German Marriages, York Co, PA, p. 62: John STRAHLE m 28 Oct 1788 Ann WILLIAMS; p. 219 Jacob STRAHLE m 1 Jun 1784 Anna Maria JUNGBLUT. Did Jacob WOLFE have a wife before Anna STRALEY? And for his 2nd wife he married the Widow, Anna STRALEY? Charlotte BORRADAILE, WS 335 Dr. 3-14, Ninevah, IN 46164.

6. Seek info on James WARNER, b 1802, VA, m Agnus _____. Known children from 1850 Lewis Co. census: Prudence, Adam, Sarah, Eldridge, Rheuhanan, Granville, Pheby J. Are some of his descendants still living in Lewis Co? Elva C. NALLY, 141 Fairview DR, New Martinsville, WV 26155.

7. Seek info Capt. Guinn MINTER (1838-1909) who served Civil War 1861-1865, m Camelia HARNOR. After service, he lived Lightburn, Lewis Co, in 1892. Ruth HOFER JUSTISON, 111 Burton, Morrow, OH 45152.

8. Searching for info on Nicholas GIBSON and wife Lydia SINK, George LOUGH and wife Barbara SEAL, Peter LOUGH and wife Prudence GIBSON, and related families. Elizabeth Louise ROBINSON, N 4030 Marina Lane, Cambridge, WI, 53523.

9. Seeking exchange of information: John Abram MARPLE (b 1775, PA; d 1847 Upshur Co, now WV). Married 1794, Monongalia Co, now WV, to Barbary Ann WEAVER (b. Anna Barbara WEBER, 1771, Frederick Co, MD, d/c Heinrich and Catharina FAUST/FAST WEBER a/ka Henry Sr. and Catherine FAUST/FAST WEAVER; Barbary d 1858, Upshur Co) Resided Monongalia, Harrison, Lewis, Barbour, Upshur counties, (W)VA. Children: Moses m Elizabeth BENNETT; Jacob D. m Nancy _____. John Weaver m Ruth REGER; Amos m Jemima CUMMINS; Elizabeth m Rev. Elias BENNETT; and Eliza A., b 1831, Lewis Co, (W)V, m (1) Paschal W. HOWELL and (2) William THRASH.

Paschal HOWELL and Eliza MARPLE resided in Roane, Lewis, Harrison and Barbour counties. Children: Larkin D. m Emaline _____. William M. m Elzena TENNANT; Jacob Jasper m. Hannch C. MOUNT; Monroe m a Miss TENNANT; Moses m Mary Jane PECK; and Olive who died unmarried. Eliza MARPLE HOWELL and William THRASH resided Wood and Ritchie counties, (W)V. Children: Elias Bennett, Florence A., John E., Cicero C., and Albert Worthington. Eliza MARPLE HOWELL THRASH d 1893, Ritchie Co, WV. Iris LAMBERT HALL, 2819 5th Ave., Pueblo, CO 81003.

10. Researching following names; LIGGETT/LEGATE/LIGIT, FLEISHER, SAYRES, BONNET, WETZEL, AND SYKES. Francis LIGGETT/LEGATE/LIGIT m

Elizabeth FLEISHER, d/o Henry FLEISHER, 17 Aug 1788, Harrison Co, (W)V. Need parents of Francis or where on South Branch he came from. Also seek parents of Henry Fleisher. Phyllis L. WRIGHT, 6071 Donna Jay Dr., Loveland, OH 45140.

11. Nancy JENKINS, widow b. ca 1800 in Harrison Co, VA, m. John BRAVO (?) in Ritchie Co, (W)V 15 Apr 1885. Nancy listed as daughter of S.P. JACKSON and M. CHILDERS. John is listed as born ca 1798 in MD and the s/o John and Isabel. I suspect that the name BRAVO may be a miselling of some other name such as BRAKE. I believe that the above Nancy is my gg grandmother, widow of John JENKINS who d in Ritchie Co by 1850. Any information concerning any aspect of the above query will be appreciated. HELP! James F. STEPHENS, Rt. 7, Pineview Dr., Laurinburg, NC 28352.

12. ATTENTION: Descendants of Thomas WEST, Anthony WEST, John WEST, Alexander WEST, Scarborough WEST and Edmund WEST. Seeking information and exchange on WEST family. Have exhausted Elmer D. WEST's SOME DESCENDANTS OF ANTHONY WEST OF ACCOMACK, VA. In need of correspondence, information from family Bibles, any information anyone may have to share on these families. Would like to have a large compilation in time for 1987 HCPD Gathering. Joyce CHAMBERS, 18120 Chipstead Dr., South Bend, IN 46637. (219) 272-5374.

13. Need to locate birth of Ezra F. or Ezra S.F. DAVIS, s/o Peter W. DAVIS and Ann DAVIS, b VA ca 1847, m Nancy Ellen SNYDER, d/o John and Sydra SNYDER. Also place of death and where buried. I have him in Marion Co, WV, with second wife Anna in 1900. Any other information on this person would be appreciated. Evelyn RIFFLE VARRASSO, 1375 Britol Downs Rd, Newark, OH 43055.

14. I would be very very happy to correspond with any BESKEEN, MOORE, CARPENTER, DENTON, WOOD-WOODS, MILLER, LEE, OOWSLEY or STEWART. Dorothea WOODS SARGENT, PO Box 5076, Kokomo, IN 46902.

15. Is anyone searching the WASHBURN family in Harrison Co, WV. Mine is Charles WASHBURN, b prob. Culpeper Co, VA, d 1782/Harrison Co, (W)V. He m. Rebecca Lowther, when?? Need proof that John and Susannah WASHBURN are his parents.

Margaret HENDRICKSON m Greensberry SMITH 1836 in Hardy Co, (W)V; last on 1880 census, Ritchie Co, WV, with children Isaac S., Thomas, and Mary Catherine. When and where did she die and where buried?

Seek parents of John O. Kelley and names of siblings. Fahter may be James Kelley. John d. 1898/Ritchie Co, WV.

Thomas Smallwood WILSON was in Monongalia Co, (W)V. His father, William, left him land in 1837 on Coburn's Creek. William's father was George WILSON. Need names of Thomas' mother and grandmother. Would like to hear from anyone searching this family. Betty L. JONES, Box 1203, Globe, AZ 85502

16. Seek any information on family of John O. Sullivan (O'Sullivan?) who may or may not have been a junior, b ca 1822 either in VA or NJ; m Katurah/Kitrina/Kitina ?? before 1844 and living Shinns Run, Harrison Co, (W)V, when second child Enoch V. SULLIVAN b 30 Oct 1845. John and wife migrated to Tindall Station, Grundy Co, MO where he died after 12 Feb 1882 in an accident in a grist mill. Their children: Silas, b ca 1844, moved to Ohio and then Illinois; Enoch B. m Susan Carter, d/o George and Nancy (MORRIS) CARTER, in 1867; Mary M., b ca 1849; Jane M., b ca 1851, m Lon DAVISSON ca 1870, and may have moved to Ohio; Jesse R., b ca 1854; and Sarah E., b ca 1856, m Richard WARNER and may

have moved to New Salem, Ohio. Enoch and Susan lived at 1748 Adams Ave., Clarksburg, WV; large advertising sign on new Route 50 interchange is in their front yard. Joy GREGOIRE GILCHRIST, 22406 SR 751, West Lafayette, OH 43845

17. Seek information on family and descendants of George F. CARTER (18 Nov 1801-8 Jan 1874) and Nancy MORRIS (8 Aug 1808-23 Apr 1899), both of whom bur. Carter family cemetery, Davisson's Run, Harrison Co. Their children: George Carter, Jr., had son Arthur who lived Cincinnati, OH; John, had children John Jr., Willie, and Amelia, who resided Cincinnati and/or Indiana; Harrison (1844-1920) m Sarah Marsh and had children Lon and Cynthia; Tilton m Alice Sullivan and had children Hazel, Cecil and Russell; Elizabeth, b 1834, m Albert Flanigan and had children Lloyd, Howard, Katherine, Jenny and Gertrude; Rebecca m Joe Avail, had children Rebecca and Paulinda, and moved to Cincinnati; Nancy b ca 1830 d 1919 m a King and lived at Davisson's Run; and Susan who married Enoch B. SULLIVAN. Joy GREGOIRE GILCHRIST, 22406 SR 751, West Lafayette, OH 43845

The following will is not from West Virginia, but it does provide us an opportunity to study an old style of writing and spelling phonetically-----
(A typed interpretation appears to the right, on page 115.)

A Noncupative Will of Mary Walls is as followeth which was spoken by her in her last sickness and present of whose names are underwritten.

My Desire is that my little Mary & Saul and Sadel & Read go and consue in Apson and Maughlin have cheefe a Pinner and two legs may be given to my Sister Elizabeth.

And that Richard Moon may have my Ware better Jewel and the all my money that is in my father's lawes hand may be divided between all my Brothers & Sisters.

The above said Mary Wall Deceid of twenty first daye of the Eleventh month otherways called Janewary one Thousand seven hundred forty six seven and this was committed to writing the twenty fourth of the same month 1746

Witnesses Present.

Simon Moon, Saway Moon
Sarah Thornbrough, Willm Brown
James Moon, Margaret Moon

At a Court held for Frederick County on Tuesday the 5 Day of May 1747

This Noncupative Will of Mary Walls deied was proved in Open Court by the Solemn Affirmation of Simon Moon & Willm Brown & James Moon three of the Witnesses thereto who also affirmed that they saw Saway Moon Margaret Moon and Sarah Thornbrough sign the same as witnesses & it was admitted to record

Test J Wood

QUERIES - concluded

LEWIS Trying to prove that Miles LEWIS who m 1793 Harrison Co WV, Ann
 BETTS BETTS, dau of Enoch BETTS. BETTS and LEWIS lived in Clarksburg,
 owned land at Salem. Other children of Enoch BETTS married into
 STRATTON, MURRAY and SMITH families and moved on to SE Ohio.
 . . . Richard Brenneman, PO Box 3510, Central Station, Hartford, CT 06103
 (Richard shares a common WALL line with me, Lolita Guthrie);

SLEETH I am trying to collect family group sheets for all descendants of
 SMITH Alexander SLEETH (1750-1820) and 2nd wife Nancy SMITH (1763-1834).
 YOUNG Alexander is buried in Fayette Co Indiana and Nancy is at "Old Marion"
 KEITH in Shelby Co. Indiana. Children include: David m Jane YOUNG--(I have
 CORZEK most of this line); Alexander Jr. m Christiena KEITH; Thomas m Rachel
 SKIDMORE CORZEK; Jonas m Margaret SKIDMORE; Mary Ann Hacker m Caleb WRIGHT:
 WRIGHT William not married?; Robert P. died Cincinnati - wife?; Caleb m
 FRAZIER Sarah FRAZIER; Nancy m Abel SUMMERS; Albert J/G m Fannie SENEY:
 SUMMERS Susanna m Ira SENEY. Am now reading census of Shelby Co. Indiana to
 SENEY establish families in that county in 1820-1880.
 ...Lolita Guthrie, 123 N. Grove St., Bowling Green, OH 43402

Winchester,
 Frederick Co.,
 Virginia

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 was spoken by her in her last sickness in present of us
 whose names are underwritten---

Mary WALLS
 Noncupative
 Will

My desier is that my litel mayer and coult and sadel and
 read gown and mauslin apron and mauslin hanckechif a pinner and
 two caps maybe given to my sister Elizabeth,
 And that Richard Moon may have my mare called Jewel and that
 all my money that is in my fathers in lawes hand may Be De
 vided Between all my brothers & sisters

The above said Mary Wall deced twenty first days of J
 Eleventh month otherways called January one thousand
 seven hundred fourty six seven and this was committed into
 wrighting se twenty fourth of the same month 1746/7

Simon Moon, Loway Moon
 her (mark)

Sarah Thornbraugh, Will Brown
 mark

James Moon Margaret Moon
 her mark

At a court held for Frederick County on Tuesday
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This Nuncupative Will of Mary Walls deced was proved
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 Brown & James Moon three of the Witnesses thereb_ who also
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 Sarah Thornbrough Sign the same as evidence as it was admitted
 to record---

Test J Wood C C

WHERE DID THEY GO? (when they left Hacker's Creek)**SOLOMON BUSH**

(This obituary was published in the Fayette County, Ohio, Chapter's Fall 1986 Newsletter.)

*Solomon Bush, aged 94 years, oldest resident of Fayette county, died June 6, 1890, at the residence of his son-in-law, John Mallow, 6 miles South of Washington on the Chillicothe pike. Rev. C.V. Northop conducted the funeral services and the remains were interred at Greenfield. Mr. Bush was born at South Branch, Va., in 1796 and came with his parents to Chillicothe in 1799. John Bush, Solomon's father, planted that year the first corn that was ever put out in the vicinity of the High Banks, Ross county, and raised a small crop.

In 1801, Mr. Bush's father built a saw mill at Austin, Ross county, and the following year a grist mill there. In 1815 John Bush started a store at Austin and Solomon was put in charge of it. In 1814 they started a store at Frankfort, Ohio. In 1832 John DeWitt bought the Austin store and Anderson DeWitt was put in charge. Five years later the Frankfort store was sold and the Bushes enlarged their mill business by adding a woolen mill.

In 1840, Solomon Bush lost \$30,000 by going security for his brother-in-law, W.S. Crawford. At that time, Mr. Bush was dealing extensively in hogs and as Mr. Crawford was returning home with \$30,000, which he had received for a large lot of hogs, the steamer upon which he was returning was sunk near New Orleans and Crawford was drowned. When his body was recovered the money and his other valuables were gone and it is supposed he was attacked and probably killed and robbed by some rascal when the vessel was sinking. The most of this money would have gone to the farmers of whom the hogs were bought and Solomon Bush was compelled to make the loss good. The same year (1840) Mr. Bush's woolen mill at Austin was burned. Mr. Bush also had stores at Good Hope, Solon, and other places. He told of many romps with the Indians who were plentiful here in his boyhood days. In 1880, Mr. Bush came to live with his son-in-law, John Mallow." "Out of the Past", by Wm. R. Dalbey, The Record Republican, November 14, 1930, p. 4, "back forty years ago when these events occurred..."

Sleith's Creek
(Upper & Lower)
Braxton Co, WV

After reading an article in the March 25, 1983 issue of the Braxton Co. Historical Society Journal called "Trek to the Hills", I wrote to the author, Neil Nicholas, to inquire about the origin of the Lower Sleith (Creek) Cemetery, of which he spoke.

I received an enjoyable response. Mr. Nicholas quoted from the "W. Va. Heritage Encyclopedia" saying, "(The creeks) were named for a man who herded hogs in the vicinity one winter."

Now - was this one of our Hacker's Creek SLEETHs? Which one?

Answers in genealogy always seem to end with a question mark.

--Lolita Guthrie

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Send QUERIES you have in to Joy now - in time for the next JOURNAL.